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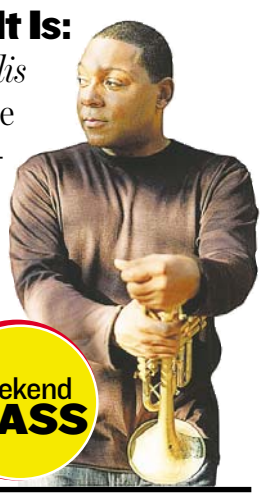

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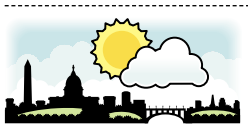

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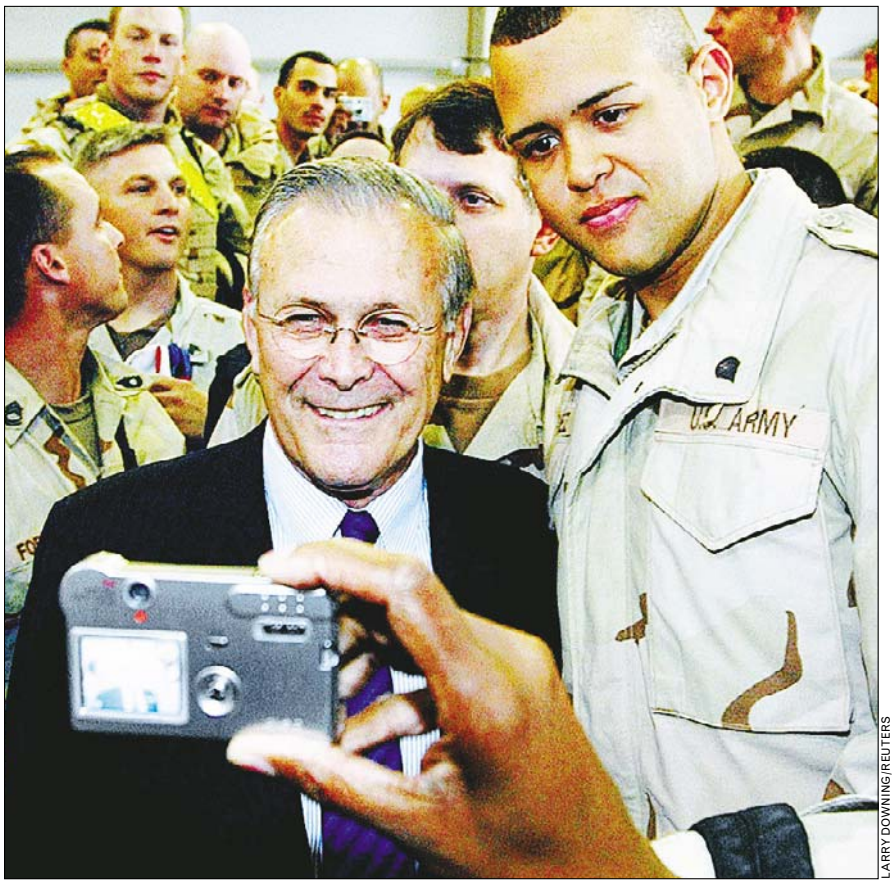

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**ON DEFENSE:** Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld poses with a U.S. soldier Wednesday at Camp Buehring in Kuwait. After giving a pep talk to troops, Rumsfeld faced tough questions about a lack of armor and lengthy tours in Iraq. ✣ **Rumsfeld's take:** "You go to war with the Army you have" | **Page 6**

# Congress OKs Intel Overhaul

## Bush praises 'historic' move to centralize anti-terror fight

WASHINGTON | Congress on Wednesday replaced a U.S. intelligence network geared to the Cold War fight against communism with a new structure requiring military and civilian spy agencies to join forces against the newest U.S. enemy — networks of terrorists intent on waging a holy war against America.

The Senate overwhelmingly passed the legislation 89-2, one day after the House pushed through the compromise strongly endorsed by President Bush.

Bush praised what he called "historic legislation that will better protect the American people and help defend against ongoing terrorist threats."

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks three years ago on New York City and Arlington, Va., which killed nearly 3,000 people, proved that the intelligence operation established in World War II and modified afterward to fight communism wasn't effective enough against the threats of the new century, senators said Wednesday.

The legislation establishes a new director of national intelligence to oversee the nation's 15 military and civilian spy agencies and make sure they work together to forestall future attacks.

Spokesman Scott McClellan said Bush has not yet decided whom to nominate to be the first intelligence director, but will move quickly to act on the legislation. JESSE J. HOLLAND (AP)

**INTEL REVAMP**
**The bill creates:**

- **An intelligence** chief to oversee spy agencies
- **A domestic** counterterrorism center
- **A Privacy** and Civil Liberties Board of citizens to track privacy concerns

# Charges Filed in NBA Brawl

PONTIAC, MICH. | Five Indiana Pacers and seven fans were charged on Wednesday for fighting during the melee that broke out at the end of an NBA game against the Detroit Pistons last month.

Players Ron Artest, Stephen Jackson, David Harrison and Anthony Johnson were charged with one count of assault and battery in one of the worst brawls in U.S. sports history. Jermaine O'Neal was charged with two counts of assault and battery.

All the fans were charged with misdemeanor assault and battery. Fan Bryant Jackson also was charged with felony assault for throwing a chair into the fray, Oakland County prosecutor David Gorcyca said.

The misdemeanor carries up to three months in jail and a fine of up to $500, and the felony carries up to four years in prison. Gorcyca said the players and fans would probably face only probation and fines if convicted.

Gorcyca singled out spectator John Green, who faces two assault counts and, the prosecutor said, "single-handedly incited" the fight. Green is accused of throwing a cup at Artest, splashing him and sparking the brawl. (AP)

**LESSONS** | **Camp Parenthood** Even though the dishes, garbage and dirty laundry were piling up, Deltona, Fla., homeowners Cat and Harlan Barnard got no help from their two children. After asking their 17-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter to do chores to no avail, the Barnards were fed up. So they went on strike Monday and moved to the front yard. The Barnards have lived in a tent, going inside the house only to use the bathroom or shower. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

# eyeOpeners

ENRIQUE MARCARIAN/REUTERS

FEEDING

## This Christmas, We Got You a Salad

**Polar bears at a zoo in Buenos Aires found no reason to wait for the presents under the tree Wednesday, eating fruit from a Christmas tree made of ice and decorated with special meals, Reuters reported. Dec. 8 marks the beginning of the Christmas season in the Roman Catholic calender, and most of Argentina's Catholics put up their trees then.** (EXPRESS)

DISCOVERIES

## A Real Head Case

A Nanaimo, British Columbia, bus passenger checking an unattended purse for identification last month found a human skull inside, Royal Canadian Mounted Police said. The woman, who was on her way to catch a ferry, spotted the purse on a bench at a bus stop and immediately took it to police, shaken by the discovery, Constable Jack Eubank said Monday. The skull was sent to Simon Fraser University in Burnaby for analysis by a forensic anthropologist. (AP)

GIFT IDEAS

## Discount Travel

The Anderson, Ind., fire department has a holiday gift idea that has a real lifesaving ring to it — ambulance service subscription cards. The cards cost $25 and can save the recipient $225 to $400 on a trip to the hospital, depending on the amount of care needed. The cards are good for one ride and expire after a year. Fire department Capt. Denny Jones said the card would make a good Christmas gift for a needy family who might need medical care. (AP)

FEUDS

## Rockin' Around the Christmas Sapling

Residents of Duncannon, Pa., community are marking the holidays with a 4-foot potted evergreen tree, instead of the 20-foot tree that has been used for the past eight years, because of a feud between the borough council and a business owner. Kirk Nace, a real-estate agent who owns the property on which the larger tree sits, is embroiled in a dispute with the borough over a $6,000 sewer bill. He told officials Friday that they did not have permission to use the site. The borough council voted to remove the decorations. About 100 people turned out Friday for the lighting of the tiny tree. (AP)

HEARSAY | SURVIVAL

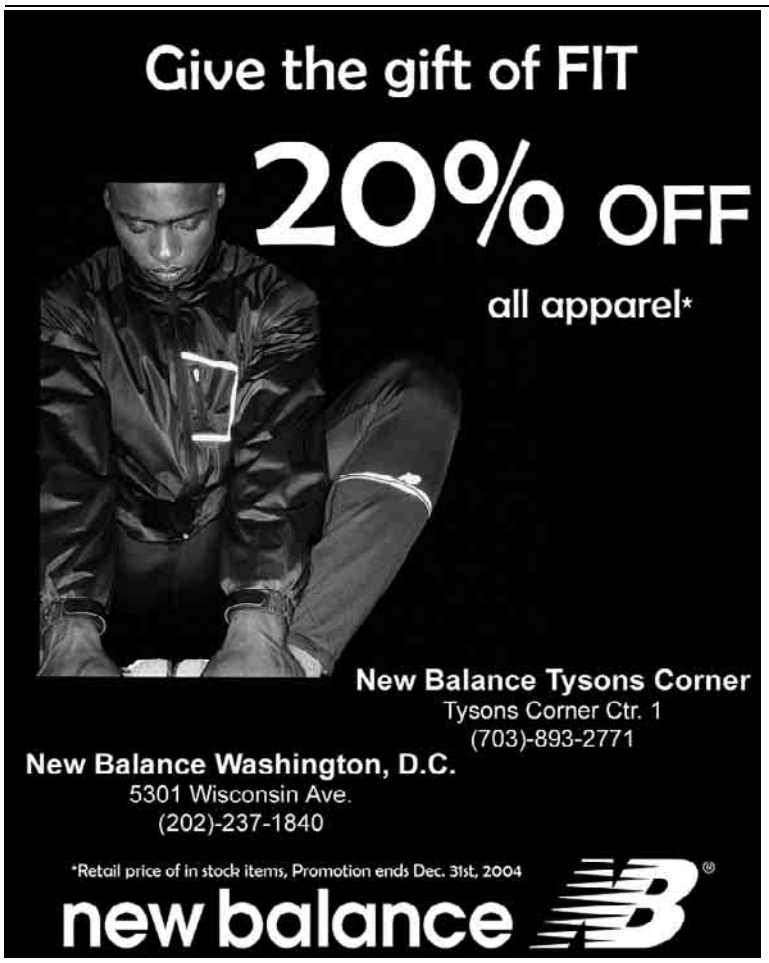
"Fighting can be an important selection pressure in the evolution of left-handedness."

—DR. CHARLOTTE FAURIE
A UNIVERSITY OF MONTPELLIER RESEARCHER WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE FOUND A LINK BETWEEN VIOLENT SOCIETIES AND LEFTIES.

ANIMALS

## Let the Cat Out of the Hood

After a 275-mile car journey, an Eggenfelden, Germany, couple was surprised to find a stowaway cowering against their car engine — a kitten. Elisabeth and Dieter Gesehl heard the meows after they parked their car and called police, afraid they had run over and injured a cat, Elisabeth Gesehl told Bonn newspaper. Checking under the hood, they discovered the unharmed kitty. (EXPRESS)

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**BEAK PEEK:** In their first comprehensive look at the DNA of chickens, scientists have found that 60 percent of the bird's genes have close cousins in humans, according to a study in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

# Nation

## In Brief

ANNIE WELLS/LOS ANGELES TIMES/AP

Rescuers carry an injured victim of the van crash to safety on Wednesday.

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, CALIF.

### Commuter Van Rolls Down Mountain, Killing 3 People

A commuter van from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory tumbled 200 feet off a twisting mountain road, killing three people and injuring seven, two critically, authorities said. The van was carrying 10 people when it plunged off the Angeles Crest Highway early Wednesday and rolled down a mountainside, officials said. The cause of the accident was not immediately known. (AP)

WASHINGTON

### Military Planning Test of Missile Defense System

The military planned to conduct the first full flight test of its U.S. missile defense system in nearly two years, with the test coming possibly as early as late Wednesday, depending on weather conditions. During the test, a target missile will be launched from Kodiak Island, Alaska, and an interceptor missile will fire from Kwajalein Island in the central Pacific Ocean. (AP)

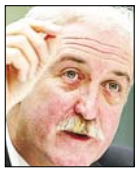
# Hubble Mission Questioned

## Panel advises NASA to use astronauts, not robots, to fix telescope

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. | NASA should use astronauts, not a robot, to carry out a crucial life-prolonging mission to the acclaimed Hubble Space Telescope one last time, a National Academy of Sciences panel concluded Wednesday.

Using a robot would be highly uncertain and could take too long, the committee of scientists, engineers and astronauts said. But NASA's chief has vowed he will not risk astronauts just to keep the 14-year-old telescope beaming back breathtaking snapshots of the cosmos for another five years.

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe has repeatedly contended that a Hubble mission would be riskier to the astronauts than a shuttle flight to the international space station. However, the National Academy of Sciences committee concluded that the difference in risk between the two missions is "very small."



O'Keefe

NASA had no immediate comment on the academy's findings, but on Tuesday reiterated in a statement that it would press ahead toward a possible robotic mission and make a final decision next summer.

The chairman of the academy committee, Louis Lanzerotti, a professor at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, said O'Keefe was cordial during a discussion Tuesday night and promised to consider the report.

In its report, the committee recommended that a shuttle servicing mission occur as soon as possible, perhaps by the end of 2007 if the next shuttle goes up next May as hoped. MARCIA DUNN (AP)

**Star wars:** Report may reignite the debate over repairing the Hubble | **Today's Washington Post, A Section**

# Bush Signs $388B Spending Measure

WASHINGTON | President Bush on Wednesday signed into law a $388 billion legislative package that covers the spending of every federal agency but the Pentagon and Department of Homeland Security.

Congress sent the measure to the president on Tuesday. A temporary spending measure was to expire at midnight.

Lawmakers had delayed sending it to the White House until they overturned language that would have made it easier for some members of Congress to access income tax returns. (AP)

**DISPLAYS** | AUSSIE INVASION

DIANE BONDAREFF/AUSSIE HAIR CARE/AP

**READY TO HOP:** Yarden Saf, 3, studies a collection of kangaroo figures in New York City's Union Square on Wednesday. The art project will be on display for New Yorkers until the city marks Australia Day on January 26, 2005.

# Treasury Secretary To Stay On

## John Snow accepts offer to remain; head of Veterans Affairs to exit

WASHINGTON | Treasury Secretary John Snow, an aggressive champion of the administration's economic policies, accepted President Bush's offer Wednesday to remain in the Cabinet.

Bush's decision kept an important member of his economic team in place as the president seeks to promote his second-term priorities of simplifying tax laws and overhauling Social Security.

Snow

At the same time, Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi told his staff he was resigning, a senior administration official said Wednesday. Principi is the ninth member of Bush's 15-person Cabinet to leave. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a decorated Vietnam veteran.

Rumors had swirled in the capital about Snow's future. Published reports speculated that Bush would oust him.

"The president is pleased Secretary Snow agreed to continue to serve," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said of the decision on Wednesday. SCOTT LINDLAW (AP)

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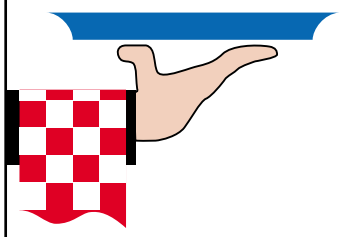

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**2.87** **The average number** of minutes that cell phone calls lasted in 2003. The average monthly bill was $49.91, the Census Bureau said in an annual report.

## Cancer Drug Praised

### New treatment shows promise in cutting risk of recurrences in breast

SAN ANTONIO | A newer drug prevented far more breast cancers from recurring in older women than the old standby tamoxifen and with far fewer side effects, doctors said Wednesday, citing a new study.

Specialists said Arimidex is likely to become the first-choice treatment for most women who have had the disease, and they predicted a wider role for similar drugs of its type, called aromatase inhibitors.

New research suggests Arimidex might be able to prevent 70 percent to 80 percent of the most common type of tumors that occur in women after menopause, compared with the 50 percent that tamoxifen is credited with warding off.

Women with early-stage breast cancer who took Arimidex for five years were less likely to have cancer recur, develop in the other breast or spread throughout their bodies than women who took tamoxifen. (AP)

**MEMORIALS** | LENNON'S LEGACY

JENNIFER SZYMASZEK/AP

**PAYING RESPECTS:** Frank Zehnacker, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., pauses at the Strawberry Fields memorial to John Lennon in New York City's Central Park on Wednesday, the 24th anniversary of the singer-songwriter's death.

## Judge Nixes Bid to Block Deployment

WASHINGTON | A soldier who challenged an Army policy requiring him to serve past the date of his enlistment contract must return for duty in Iraq while his lawsuit is under review, a federal judge ruled Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth refused to issue a temporary restraining order allowing Spc. David Qualls to remain in the United States, where he is home on leave. He is scheduled to fly to Iraq on Friday.

"It appears to me the extension was legally proper," Lamberth said during the hourlong hearing.

Qualls, 35, is one of eight soldiers challenging the "stop loss" policy that lets the Army extend enlistments during war or national emergencies. (AP)

## Linguist Finds New Meaning In Use of 'Dude'

PITTSBURGH | Dude, you've got to read this.

A linguist from the University of Pittsburgh has published a scholarly paper deconstructing and deciphering the word "dude," contending it is much more than a catchall for inarticulate surfers and slackers.

An admitted dude-user during his college years, Scott Kiesling said the word has many uses: in greetings ("What's up, dude?"); as an exclamation ("Whoa, Dude!"); commiseration ("Dude, I'm so sorry."); to one-up someone ("That's so lame, dude."); as well as agreement, surprise and disgust ("Dude.").

GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Linguist Scott Kiesling found more to the word 'dude' than meets the eye.

Kiesling says in the fall edition of American Speech that the word derives its power from something he calls cool solidarity — an effortless kinship that's not too intimate.

In his research, Kiesling listened to conversations with fraternity members he taped in 1993. He also had students in 2001 and 2002 write down the first 20 times they heard "dude" and who said it during a three-day period. (AP)

## Today in The Washington Post

**Family Pressure:** Yesterday's reorganization of the nation's intelligence structure may not have happened if not for the efforts of a small group of 9/11 family members. | *Page A1*

**Baseball Bid:** A top candidate for the multi-million-dollar contract to build D.C.'s new stadium has ties to a key player in the talks that landed the team. | *Metro, Page 1*

**It's in the Game:** Want to make it big in the music biz? Forget about record deals and air play. These days it's all about video game soundtracks. | *Style, Page 1*

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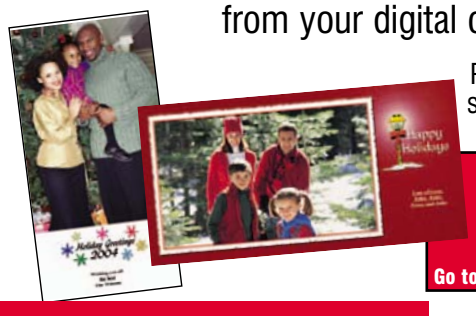

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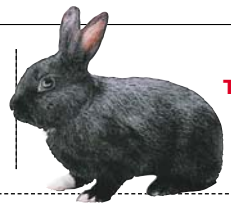

**TRIBUTE:** A stone slab has been unveiled in Beijing honoring the mice, guinea pigs, rabbits and rhesus monkeys that died in the race to develop a SARS vaccine. The China Academy of Medical Sciences would not say how many animals were killed.

# Fighting Flares in Samarra, Killing 5

## U.S. combat death toll reaches grim milestone

BAGHDAD | Guerrillas carried out a series of raids in the city of Samarra on Wednesday, stealing weapons from a police station, blowing it up, and exchanging fire with police and U.S. troops. At least five Iraqis were killed.

Underscoring security concerns, the Interior Ministry backed interim Prime Ministry Ayad Allawi's reported proposal to spread elections planned for Jan. 30 over up to three weeks in hopes of allowing people to vote safely. The decision ultimately belongs to Iraq's electoral commission; a top official there said Allawi had not mentioned the idea.

Also Wednesday, the U.S. military said the number of American combat deaths in Iraq since the start of the war rose to 1,001. The total number who have died since March 2003 is 1,278, according to an Associated Press tally.

Samarra was once overrun by militants, but the U.S. military retook it in September and October. Residents, however, say many police in Samarra are refusing to work, fearing insurgents will target them. On Wednesday, Samarra's police chief announced he was resigning; his house was attacked earlier in the day and he said his family had asked him to quit.

"When I felt that I wasn't carrying out my duties as I should, I had to give an opportunity for someone else to carry on," Maj. Gen. Talib Shamel al-Samarrai said. (AP)

### OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

- **POLICE CLASHED** with gunmen in the northern city of Mosul, killing four militants.
- **IN RAMADI**, a Sunni city west of the capital, fighting broke out between insurgents and U.S. troops. A hospital official said three civilians were killed.
- **SOUTH KOREAN** President Roh Moo-hyun made a surprise visit to northern Iraq, where 3,600 South Korean troops are stationed, his office said.

# Rumsfeld Hears GIs' Grievances

CAMP BUEHRING, KUWAIT | In a rare public airing of grievances, disgruntled soldiers complained to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld on Wednesday about long deployments and a lack of armored vehicles and other equipment.

"You go to war with the Army you have," Rumsfeld said, "not the Army you might want or wish to have."

Spc. Thomas Wilson had asked the defense secretary, "Why do we soldiers have to dig through local landfills for pieces of scrap metal and compromised ballistic glass to up-armor our vehicles?"

Rumsfeld

Shouts of approval and applause arose from the estimated 2,300 soldiers who had assembled to see Rumsfeld.

Rumsfeld said the Army was sparing no expense or effort to acquire as many Humvees and other vehicles with extra armor.

Wilson, an airplane mechanic whose unit, the 278th Regimental Combat Team of the Tennessee Army National Guard, is about to drive north into Iraq for a one-year tour of duty, put his finger on a problem that has bedeviled the Pentagon for more than a year. Rarely, though, is it put so bluntly in a public forum. (AP)

# Jubilation at Breakthrough in Ukraine

## Both sides in disputed election compromise, passing key reforms

KIEV, UKRAINE | Tens of thousands of opposition supporters sang and danced in noisy celebrations after Ukraine's Parliament adopted electoral and constitutional changes they hope will pave the way for a fair ballot in a repeat of the disputed presidential election.

Opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko praised the protesters on Wednesday for 17 days of round-the-clock demonstrations against electoral fraud. "We have grown confident that Ukraine's future can't be stolen," Yushchenko told roaring throngs of supporters in Kiev's main Independence Square.

Yushchenko urged his supporters to focus on campaigning for his Dec. 26 repeat contest against Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych, urging them to join local election commissions and become ballot monitors.

Yushchenko emerged from the 17-day political crisis a winner. But so did outgoing President Leonid Kuchma, who backed Yanukovych. Kuchma succeeded in cutting the powers of his successor. Wednesday's surprise vote endorsed a compromise package that called for electoral reform in exchange for a reduction in presidential powers. The package was approved in a 402-21 vote with 19 abstentions. (AP)

ALEXANDER DEMIANCHUK/REUTERS

Yushchenko's supporters celebrate at a rally in Kiev after the vote in Parliament on Wednesday, which they hope will pave the way for a fair ballot in the Dec. 26 revote.

### DOCTORS: YUSHCHENKO'S ILLNESS STILL A MYSTERY

**EXPERTS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT** why opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko fell seriously ill during the presidential campaign are testing a number of theories but have no conclusive evidence he was poisoned, doctors said Wednesday.

Yushchenko, whose formerly smooth skin has turned ashen and pockmarked since he fell ill in September, has alleged that Ukrainian authorities poisoned him — an allegation they deny.

Dr. Michael Zimpfer, director of the private Vienna clinic where Yushchenko was treated, said the illness could have had internal causes. "It might also have been a combination of poisons. Everything is in the air," he said. (AP)

# In Brief

RUSSIA

### Putin's Much-Criticized Reforms Clear Final Hurdle

President Vladimir Putin's plan to end the election of governors by popular vote passed its final hurdle Wednesday, when the parliament's upper chamber approved the bill. The law — part of a package that has been assailed as an attempt to strengthen the Kremlin's authority at the expense of elected bodies — would give the president the right to appoint governors, who would then be confirmed by regional legislatures. (AP)

SAUDI ARABIA

### Jiddah Attackers Condemned

The five men who attacked the U.S. consulate in Jiddah Monday are being vilified by some Saudis as criminals, even though they targeted the offices of a country that remains unpopular among many Arabs. The family of one of the attackers condemned his act Wednesday, refusing to accept condolences for his death. And the highest religious authority, Grand Mufti Abdul-Aziz al-Sheik, called the attack a great sin. (AP)

VENEZUELA

### Chavez OKs Measure Giving Government Control of Media

President Hugo Chavez approved a new law that lets the government control all radio and television programming. The bill, which was approved by congress in late November, goes into effect Thursday. Chavez says the law is necessary to enforce suitable programming for children. Others say Chavez could use the law to silence critics. (AP)

ROMANIA

### Protesters Demand Return Of Marine Involved in Crash

Dozens of protesters rallied Wednesday in front of the U.S. Embassy, calling on American authorities to send back to Romania a Marine who was allegedly involved in a car accident that killed a popular rock musician. The Marine, who worked as a guard at the embassy and has diplomatic immunity, left the country immediately after the accident early Saturday. Teofil Peter, 50, died after his taxi was hit by an car allegedly driven by the Marine. (AP)

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## World

# Peace Talks Snag On IRA Weapons

### British, Irish leaders' new plan meets resistance

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND | The British and Irish prime ministers unveiled a sweeping new Northern Ireland peace plan Wednesday that offered solutions to issues — particularly Irish Republican Army disarmament — that have bedeviled negotiations for a decade.

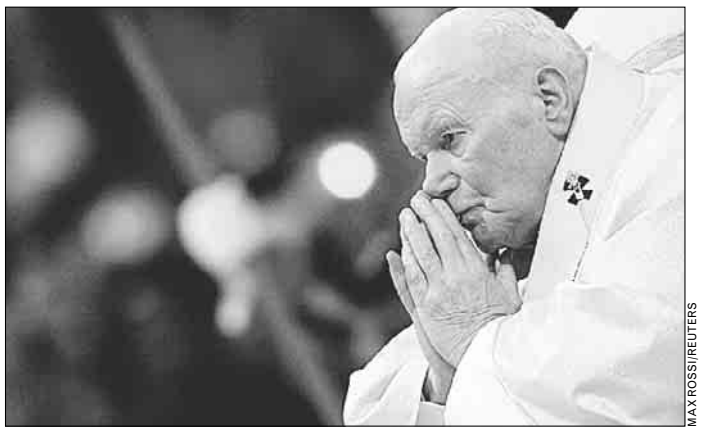
The leader's optimism was offset, however, by statements from the two key parties in the conflict — the British Protestants of the Democratic Unionists, and the Irish Catholics of Sinn Fein — that they could not fully support the plan.

Each blamed the other for being unreasonable on the key stumbling block: whether the IRA should allow officials to photograph the destruction of the outlawed group's remaining weapons stockpiles. Sinn Fein said the photographs would humiliate the IRA after decades of armed struggle.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his Irish counterpart, Bertie Ahern, appeared to side with the Protestants. The two governments' compromise called for the photos to be taken but withheld from publication until Northern Ireland's legislature elects a power-sharing administration led jointly by the Democratic Unionists and Sinn Fein.

The new 23-page plan published Wednesday seeks the IRA's full disarmament by Dec. 31, followed by the convening of the Northern Ireland legislature in January. Lawmakers would then elect the power-sharing administration by March. SHAWN POGATCHNIK (AP)

THE VATICAN | GREETING THE SEASON



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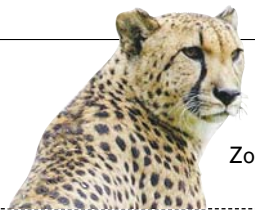
**A QUIET MOMENT:** Pope John Paul II prays as he presides over the 150th Feast of the Immaculate Conception in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Wednesday, the official start of the pontiff's busy holiday schedule.

## NATO Agrees to Keep Hub in Brussels

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM | NATO and the Belgian government signed an agreement Wednesday to build new alliance headquarters adjacent to the current site, confirming Brussels as the home of the military bloc and underscoring improved relations between the host and the United States.

The signing of the memorandum of understanding came only a year after a diplomatic spat between Belgium and the United States, which threatened to veto Brussels as the base because of a war crimes law allowing U.S. officials to be challenged in Belgian courts. The law since has been changed. (AP)



**ZOO LOSS:** A male cheetah with chronic kidney failure — who had fathered a litter of cubs born last month — was euthanized Wednesday at the National Zoo. Amadi's condition had worsened despite medical treatment, officials said.

# Local

## Reality Check on Sprawl Coming For Area Leaders

WASHINGTON | Growth in the Washington region is prompting elected officials to take a Reality Check.

That's the name of a one-day exercise approximately 300 elected officials from 20 jurisdictions are scheduled to take part in on Feb. 2. It will look like a game, with teams of 10 people sitting at tables with high-tech mapping equipment and low-tech Lego blocks. They get three hours to agree on where to put houses, stores and office buildings to accommodate the estimated 2 million more people and 1.6 million new jobs coming to the region by 2030.

Among the challenges are that some solutions need the approval of two different states and the District. It's not just different forms of government, it's also different financial resources which impact how much a jurisdiction can contribute to solutions like expanding the Metro system, for example.

HEATHER GREENFIELD (AP)

**COVINGTON, VA.** | GOV. WARNER GETS DOWN

JILL NAUNCE/ROANOKE TIMES/AP

**KEEPING HIS WORD:** Virginia Gov. Mark Warner does the Cha Cha Slide with Jeter-Watson Intermediate School students Wednesday after promising to dance for them two years ago if they passed their Standards of Learning tests.

## Panel Aims to Improve D.C. Libraries

WASHINGTON | D.C. libraries could get a boost from a high profile panel that met for the first time Wednesday. Their goal is to transform the entire library system into a more high-tech and useful resource for residents.

Mayor Anthony A. Williams is chairing the commission, which includes James Billington, the Librarian of Congress, Donald Graham, chair of The Washington Post Company and Robert Johnson, chairman of Black Entertainment Television. Williams also hopes to enlist the help of first lady Laura Bush, a former librarian. (AP)

# Police Arrest 3 In Va. Abduction

### Lawyer taken from apartment to freshly dug grave in woods

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | Police spent Wednesday investigating an apparent kidnapping which included the discovery of a freshly dug grave.

Three people were arrested, and charges had been filed against two of them late Wednesday. The victim was not hurt, police said.

Police learned of the incident when a woman told them three men posing as law enforcement officers forced their way into her apartment late Tuesday night, pulled a weapon and took her husband away.

Numerous sources identified the victim as attorney Kenneth Labowitz, 55, who was taken to a wooded area, but some residents heard commotion and called 911.

Officers who responded "discovered the man on the other side of the fence with the suspects, in a struggle," said Capt. David Ray of Alexandria. "Close to where they were struggling there was a makeshift grave that had been dug there."

An unidentified 75-year-old suspect was caught at the scene and was later taken to a hospital after complaining of chest pains and had not yet been charged. David M. Kluttz, 37, and Aubrey H. Berryman, 25, were arrested later Wednesday. Court documents show Kluttz was in a property dispute with one of Labowitz's clients and was supposed to be in court Wednesday. (AP)

# Arson Not a Solo Effort

INDIAN HEAD, MD. | Investigators believe more than one person set fires at a tony housing development near a sensitive wetland, and offered an $82,000 reward on Wednesday for information leading to their conviction.

Fires were set at 19 homes and attempts were made to set fires at at least 11 others, investigators said.

The failed attempts provided fire technicians with important evidence, said Faron Taylor, a deputy state fire marshal.

Police, meanwhile, are searching for the driver of a blue van that firefighters responding to the scene saw leaving the Hunters Brooke development as the fires raged.

"Obviously, that person is a potential witness, but possibly something more," said Capt. Joe Montminy of the Charles County Sheriff's office.

Authorities still have not found a motive for the fires. (AP)

## The Lotteries

**Wednesday, Dec. 8**

| DISTRICT | |
|---|---|
| Mid-day Lucky Numbers | 8-8-9 |
| Evening Lucky Numbers | 0-6-7 |
| Mid-day DC 4 | 7-3-3-0 |
| Evening DC 4 | 0-0-1-1 |
| Quick Cash | 28-10-15-9-26-14 |
| Hot Five | 32-22-4-14-7 |

| MARYLAND | |
|---|---|
| Mid-day Pick 3 | 8-3-2 |
| Evening Pick 3 | 8-8-3 |
| Mid-day Pick 4 | 3-5-5-9 |
| Evening Pick 4 | 4-1-1-4 |
| Match 5 | 12-17-18-25-26 Bonus: 1 |

| VIRGINIA | |
|---|---|
| Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.) | 5-8-9 |
| Evening Pick 3 (Tues.) | 4-8-1 |
| Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.) | 0-3-5-2 |
| Evening Pick 4 (Tues.) | 2-1-1-7 |
| Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.) | 14-16-22-25-32 |
| Evening Cash 5 (Tues.) | 3-10-13-17-29 |

| MULTI-STATE GAMES | |
|---|---|
| Mega Millions (Tues.) | 1-19-22-32-49 |
| Mega Ball | 29 |

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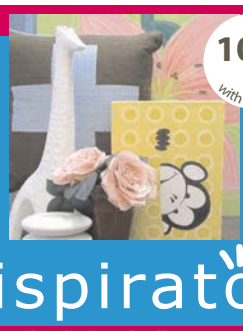
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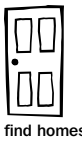
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# Money

## IBM Sells Off PC Business

### China's Lenova Group acquires it in $1.75B deal

BEIJING | Chinese computer maker Lenovo Group said Wednesday it will take over IBM's personal computer business in a $1.75 billion deal, creating the world's third-largest PC maker.

The deal — one of the biggest foreign acquisitions ever by a Chinese company — was expected to quadruple sales of Lenovo, already Asia's biggest computer maker, the companies said.

It also extends IBM's long-running transition from leader and innovator in computer hardware to a dominant force in computer services, software and consulting.

Lenovo will take over IBM's desktop PC business, including research, development and manufacturing for $1.25 billion in cash and shares, while IBM will retain an 18.9 percent stake, Lenovo chairman Liu Chuanzhi said at a news conference. The Chinese company will be allowed to use IBM's brand name under a licensing agreement, Liu said.

The companies appear to have structured the deal to ensure that IBM still has a say in the PC business, despite its small stake. Lenovo Group's worldwide PC business will move its headquarters to New York.

STEPHANIE HOO (AP)

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MATT YORK/AP

**SWIPE:** A Salvation Army worker accepts a credit-card donation in Phoenix on Wednesday. Officials hope the cashless option will lure new donors and curb the losses from Target's decision to ban bell ringers from its storefronts.

## Analysts' Ratings Sink Sirius Stock

NEW YORK | The stock of Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. fell sharply Wednesday after two Wall Street firms lowered their ratings on the satellite radio provider.

Sirius shares closed $6.90, down $2.11, or 23 percent, on the Nasdaq Stock Market. Analysts at Smith Barney and Bear Stearns said the company's recent flood of positive news made the stock overly pricey.

Shares of New York-based Sirius hit a 52-week high of $9.43 Tuesday, nearly triple its trading price just two months before. The run-up followed the October signing of a five-year, $500 million contract to carry shock-jock Howard Stern. (AP)

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

**Gainers**

| STOCK | LAST | DAILY CHANGE | DAILY PERCENT CHANGE |
|---|---|---|---|
| GnMarit | 49.21 | +5.24 | +11.9 |
| HangrOrth | 7.98 | +.81 | +11.3 |
| HancFab | 9.04 | +.72 | +8.7 |
| GreenbCos | 33.78 | +2.53 | +8.1 |
| Maxtor | 5.00 | +.34 | +7.3 |

**Losers**

| STOCK | LAST | DAILY CHANGE | DAILY PERCENT CHANGE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dynegy | 4.70 | -.52 | -10.0 |
| Unisys | 10.32 | -1.08 | -9.5 |
| MS EEur | 30.06 | -2.63 | -8.0 |
| Salton | 5.60 | -.47 | -7.7 |
| GrafTech | 8.14 | -.64 | -7.3 |

### NASDAQ Stock Market

**Gainers**

| STOCK | LAST | DAILY CHANGE | DAILY PERCENT CHANGE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Trmfrd | 5.30 | +2.31 | +77.2 |
| OraLabs rs | 3.30 | +1.31 | +65.8 |
| Reinhold | 35.16 | +9.21 | +35.5 |
| Glbl ePnt | 5.44 | +1.24 | +29.5 |
| SirnaThera | 3.67 | +.76 | +26.2 |

**Losers**

| STOCK | LAST | DAILY CHANGE | DAILY PERCENT CHANGE |
|---|---|---|---|
| SiriusS | 6.90 | -2.11 | -23.5 |
| Abatix | 10.40 | -2.37 | -18.6 |
| Highvld | 6.18 | -1.33 | -17.7 |
| Conolog | 3.87 | -.78 | -16.8 |
| Biomira | 2.54 | -.48 | -15.9 |

| DOW | NASDAQ | S&P 500 |
|---|---|---|
| +53.65 | +11.45 | +5.74 |
| +0.51 | +0.54 | +0.49 |
| 10494.23 | 2126.11 | 1182.81 |

### Rates

| | CURRENT | PREVIOUS WEEK |
|---|---|---|
| Prime Rate | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Fed Funds close | 2.00 | 2.0625 |
| 3-month | 2.20 | 2.18 |
| 2-year | 2.89 | 3.01 |
| 10-year | 4.12 | 4.36 |
| 30-year | 4.78 | 5.02 |

### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

| | TODAY | PREVIOUS DAY | YEAR AGO |
|---|---|---|---|
| British Pound | .5170 | .5139 | .5771 |
| Canadian Dollar | 1.2182 | 1.2075 | 1.2967 |
| European Euro | .7499 | .7445 | .8178 |
| Japanese Yen | 104.04 | 102.84 | 107.38 |
| Mexican Peso | 11.2400 | 11.2030 | 11.2360 |
| Taiwanese Dollar | 32.35 | 32.09 | 34.06 |

### Bank Stocks

| STOCK | LAST | DAILY CHANGE | YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE |
|---|---|---|---|
| ABN Amro | 24.80 | -.05 | +5.6 |
| BcBilVArg | 16.70 | -.01 | +20.6 |
| BcoSnCH | 12.05 | +.02 | +.3 |
| BkofAm s | 46.11 | +.26 | +14.7 |
| Barclay | 42.67 | +.41 | +17.4 |
| CredSuiss | 41.45 | +.62 | +14.1 |
| DeutschBk | 87.02 | -.15 | +5.9 |
| HSBC | 85.41 | -.50 | +8.4 |
| JPMorgCh | 37.55 | -.26 | +3.2 |
| LloydTSB | 33.57 | -.33 | +3.1 |
| MitsuTkyo | 9.57 | +.06 | +22.2 |
| UBS AG | 81.27 | -.28 | +19.5 |
| US Bancrp | 29.49 | +.10 | +.4 |
| Wachovia | 52.97 | +.81 | +13.7 |
| WellsFrgo | 62.42 | +.60 | +6.0 |

**FORE:** Michelle Wie liked playing on the PGA Tour so much she'll do it again. She accepted a sponsor's exemption late Tuesday to play in next month's Sony Open. She missed the cut by one stroke there last year.

# Sports

# Arrington Back at Practice

## Star LB doubtful for Sunday, Daniels out for year

REDSKINS | Washington Redskins linebacker LaVar Arrington practiced Wednesday for the first time since his knee surgery in September.

Arrington worked mostly with the scout team and left the practice early for treatment. He was listed as questionable for Sunday's game against Philadelphia, although coach Joe Gibbs was pessimistic that Arrington would play.

The three-time Pro Bowl linebacker was injured when he took an awkward step in the season-opening victory over Tampa Bay.

He played the following week against the New York Giants, but had surgery a few days later to repair torn cartilage after the knee started to swell.

The Redskins' defense has played well in 10 games without Arrington and is ranked No. 2 in the league.

Meanwhile, another opening day defensive starter, defensive end Phillip Daniels, had his season officially come to an end when he was placed on injured reserve.

Daniels dislocated a bone in his left wrist in Sunday's game against the New York Giants. He signed a five-year, $11 million contract as a free agent in March, but he played in just five games because of a groin injury.

Defensive lineman Cedric Killings was signed to fill Daniels' roster spot. (AP)

JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

LaVar Arrington hasn't played since the Redskins lost to the Giants and likely won't play Sunday. But he practiced for the first time since September on Wednesday.

## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

| ATLANTIC | W | L | PCT. | GB | L10 | CONF. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 8 | 9 | .471 | — | 5-5 | 5-5 |
| Boston | 7 | 10 | .412 | 1 | 4-6 | 5-7 |
| Philadelphia | 6 | 11 | .353 | 2 | 2-8 | 6-5 |
| Toronto | 7 | 13 | .350 | 2.5 | 3-7 | 3-7 |
| New Jersey | 5 | 13 | .278 | 3.5 | 3-7 | 4-5 |

| CENTRAL | W | L | PCT. | GB | L10 | CONF. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cleveland | 12 | 6 | .667 | — | 7-3 | 9-4 |
| Indiana | 10 | 8 | .556 | 2 | 4-6 | 8-3 |
| Detroit | 9 | 8 | .529 | 2.5 | 5-5 | 3-5 |
| Milwaukee | 5 | 10 | .333 | 5.5 | 2-8 | 4-4 |
| Chicago | 2 | 13 | .133 | 8.5 | 2-8 | 0-5 |

| SOUTHEAST | W | L | PCT. | GB | L10 | CONF. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | 10 | 5 | .667 | — | 7-3 | 9-4 |
| Orlando | 11 | 6 | .647 | — | 7-3 | 6-4 |
| Miami | 12 | 7 | .632 | — | 6-4 | 10-2 |
| Charlotte | 4 | 12 | .250 | 6.5 | 3-7 | 4-8 |
| Atlanta | 3 | 14 | .176 | 8 | 1-9 | 1-9 |

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

| NORTHWEST | W | L | PCT. | GB | L10 | CONF. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Seattle | 15 | 3 | .833 | — | 8-2 | 8-2 |
| Minnesota | 11 | 6 | .647 | 3.5 | 7-3 | 9-3 |
| Denver | 10 | 7 | .588 | 4.5 | 8-2 | 4-6 |
| Portland | 8 | 8 | .500 | 6 | 5-5 | 3-5 |
| Utah | 8 | 10 | .444 | 7 | 2-8 | 5-5 |

| PACIFIC | W | L | PCT. | GB | L10 | CONF. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Phoenix | 15 | 3 | .833 | — | 9-1 | 8-2 |
| Sacramento | 13 | 5 | .722 | 2 | 9-1 | 7-5 |
| L.A. Clippers | 11 | 7 | .611 | 4 | 6-4 | 4-5 |
| L.A. Lakers | 10 | 7 | .588 | 4.5 | 7-3 | 6-5 |
| Golden State | 5 | 13 | .278 | 10 | 4-6 | 1-12 |

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**PEACEFUL FIGHTER:** WBC heavyweight champion Vitali Klitschko poses with Ukrainian flags during a press conference on Wednesday promoting his championship fight this weekend against Danny Williams in Las Vegas.

# Brawl Appeal Will Be One-Sided Affair

NBA BRAWL | In a change of legal strategy, the NBA won't participate in a grievance hearing about the suspensions four Indiana Pacers received for last month's brawl at a game against the Detroit Pistons.

The hearing before arbitrator Roger Kaplan will be a one-sided affair Thursday.

"Since this arbitrator has no authority to consider this matter, there is no point in our attending any hearing that he conducts," NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said.

The NBA's lawyers say commissioner David Stern has sole authority for discipline related to on-court behavior.

Previously, the league indicated it would not argue whether Kaplan has jurisdiction but would take part in the portion of the arbitration hearing on whether Stern had just cause to hand down some of the longest fight-related suspensions in league history.

Stern suspended Ron Artest for the season and banned Stephen Jackson for 30 games, Jermaine O'Neal for 25 games and Anthony Johnson for six games. (AP)

# White Can Repeat as Heisman

## Oklahoma QB leads list of 5 finalists for top individual prize

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Jason White has a chance to join Archie Griffin as a two-time Heisman Trophy winner.

White, the Oklahoma quarterback who won last year's Heisman, was chosen Wednesday as one of five finalists for college football's most prestigious individual title.

Joining White for Saturday's award ceremony in New York will be his Oklahoma teammate Adrian Peterson, Southern California teammates Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush, and Utah quarterback Alex Smith.

Griffin, Ohio State's great running back, won the Heisman in 1974 and 1975 and is the only two-time winner.

The race appears too close to call this year. White and Leinart, USC's quarterback, have put up similar numbers while leading their teams to 12-0 records and a matchup in the Orange Bowl. The presence of Peterson, a freshman, may hinder the quarterback's chances of repeating. Peterson ran for 1,843 yards and 15 touchdowns, and produced his best games against the Sooners' toughest opponents. (AP)

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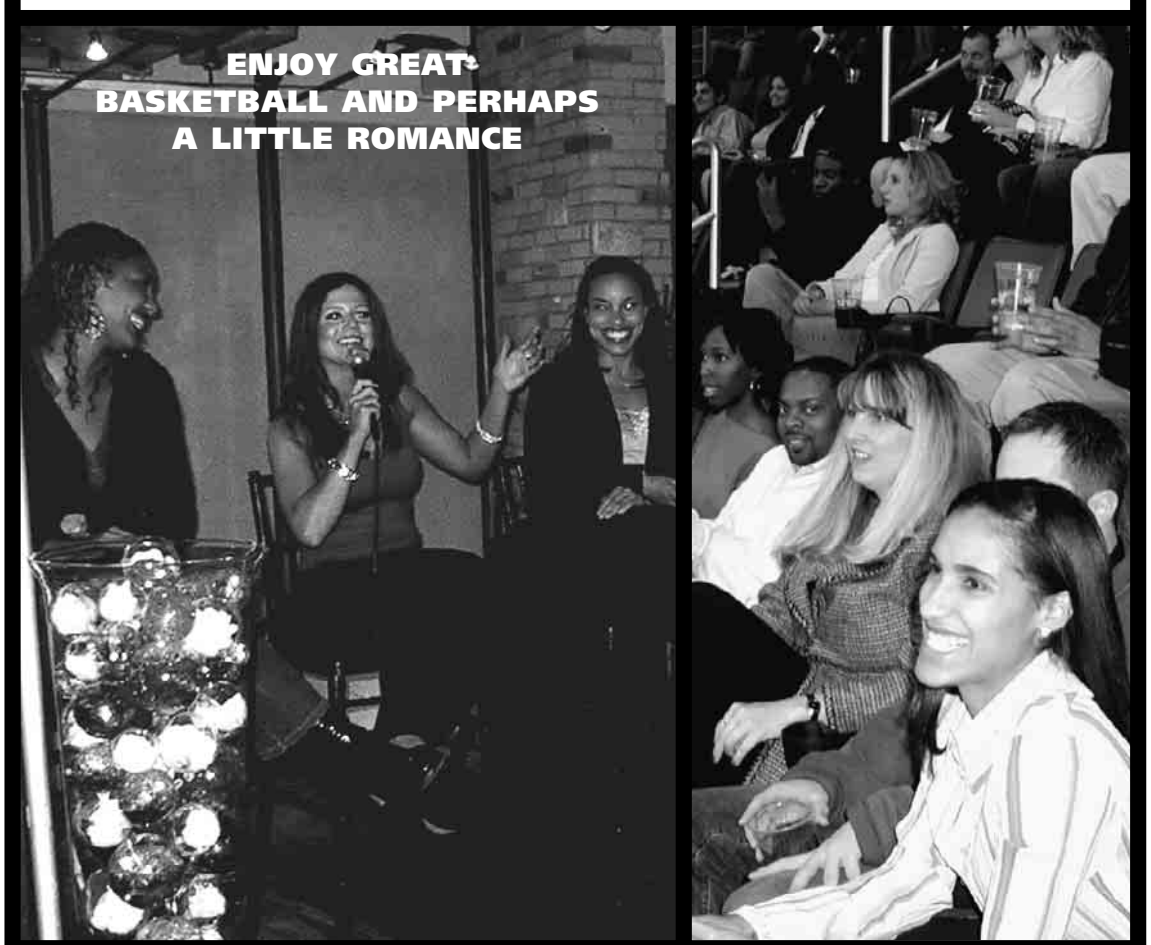


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## Sports

# Pitchers Exit New York

### Leiter signs with Marlins, Lieber joins Phillies

BASEBALL | Two of the top free-agent pitchers did their impression of "Escape from New York" on Wednesday.

Al Leiter signed a one-year contract with the Florida Marlins on Wednesday, leaving the New York Mets and returning to the team he helped pitch to the 1997 World Series title. And Jon Lieber agreed to a $21 million, three-year contract with the Philadelphia Phillies after one playing year for the New York Yankees.

Leiter, 39-year-old left-hander had spent seven years with the Mets, going 10-8 with a 3.21 ERA last season. Leiter owns a home about 20 miles from the Marlins' ballpark, and played for Florida in 1996 and 1997. He pitched the team's first no-hitter in 1996 and was traded to the Mets when the Marlins purged their payroll after the World Series season. He also pitched in the 2000 World Series, where the Mets lost to the Yankees.

Lieber, who turns 35 in April, joins a rotation that subtracted Eric Milton and Kevin Millwood. Both free agents weren't offered arbitration before Tuesday's deadline. (AP)


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**SHARPE CRITICISM:** Former Broncos tight end and current CBS analyst Shannon Sharpe criticized Mike Shanahan, saying the Denver coach's decision to make Jake Plummer his quarterback was a failed, ego-driven effort to turn a mediocre player into something better.

## Sports

# Ravens' Play Has Been Defenseless

## Angry Lewis fights off criticism of Baltimore

**RAVENS** | The recent collapse of the Baltimore Ravens' defense brought about a similarly uncharacteristic reaction from linebacker Ray Lewis on Wednesday.

Lewis lashed out at reporters who questioned the psyche of a defense that two weeks ago gave up 21 points in the second half of a 24-3 loss to New England, then surrendered a 17-point lead Sunday to the Cincinnati Bengals.

The Ravens have long been built around their unyielding defense, but the unit has struggled during Baltimore's first two-game losing streak of the season. "It's so hard to come in here and try to talk because it's always about yesterday. It's never about where we're trying to go," he said, his voice rising in anger. "It's always what about this frustration, what about that frustration. We're 7-5 right now, but everybody's acting like it's the end of the world."

The Ravens remain in the thick of the wild-card chase, but if Baltimore is to reach the playoffs for the fourth time in five years, the defense must improve. After allowing the Patriots to score 15 points in the fourth quarter, the Ravens permitted 200 yards passing and 24 points over the final 15 minutes.

DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

STEPHAN SAVOIA/AP

Ray Lewis says the Ravens are only thinking ahead, not back at two losses.

### TODAY'S TV LINEUP

**NBA (8 P.M. ON TNT)** Premier centers Tim Duncan and Yao Ming square off when the San Antonio Spurs visit the Houston Rockets.

**NBA (10:30 P.M. ON TNT)** The Boston Celtics try to pick up ground on the N.Y. Knicks with a win over the Portland Trail Blazers.

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**OFF THE WALL:** A Portuguese soccer player lost a finger when he caught his wedding ring on a fence while celebrating a goal for his Swiss team. Paolo Diogo was injured after his late goal put Servette ahead 4-1 Sunday against Schaffhausen. The ring ripped off the top of his finger.

## In Brief

NATIONALS

### Pascucci Contract Sold To Japan's Lotte Marines

The future Washington Nationals sold the contract of outfielder Val Pascucci to the Lotte Marines of Japan's Pacific League for $300,000 Wednesday. Pascucci, 26, hit .177 with two home runs and six RBIs last season. Lotte manager Bobby Valentine has been looking for a right-handed hitter to accompany the team's other major league imports, former New York Mets Benny Agbayani and Matt Franco. (AP)

WIZARDS

### Blake Back on Injured List

Former Maryland star Steve Blake is going back on the Washington Wizards' injured list, the team announced on Wednesday. The team activated another former Terrapin, Laron Profit, to fill Blake's spot on the roster. Blake, who had left ankle surgery in the offseason, missed the Wizards' first eight games of the season. He was activated from the injured list on Nov. 20 but had not played in the Wizards' last six games. (EXPRESS)

FOOTBALL

### Harrison a Keeper for Colts

Marvin Harrison is remaining with the Indianapolis Colts as Peyton Manning's primary target. Harrison agreed to a six-year, $66 million contract with the team on Wednesday that includes a $22 million signing bonus, according to a league source who requested anonymity. (AP)

DUANE BURLESON/AP

Colts receiver Marvin Harrison caught a $22 million signing bonus with his deal.

FOOTBALL

### Holmgren: Refs Missed Call

Seattle coach Mike Holmgren said Wednesday that Keyshawn Johnson's late touchdown shouldn't have counted when Dallas rallied to beat the Seahawks on Monday. Holmgren said replays showed Johnson was not in bounds and the coach questioned why replay officials didn't review the play. (AP)


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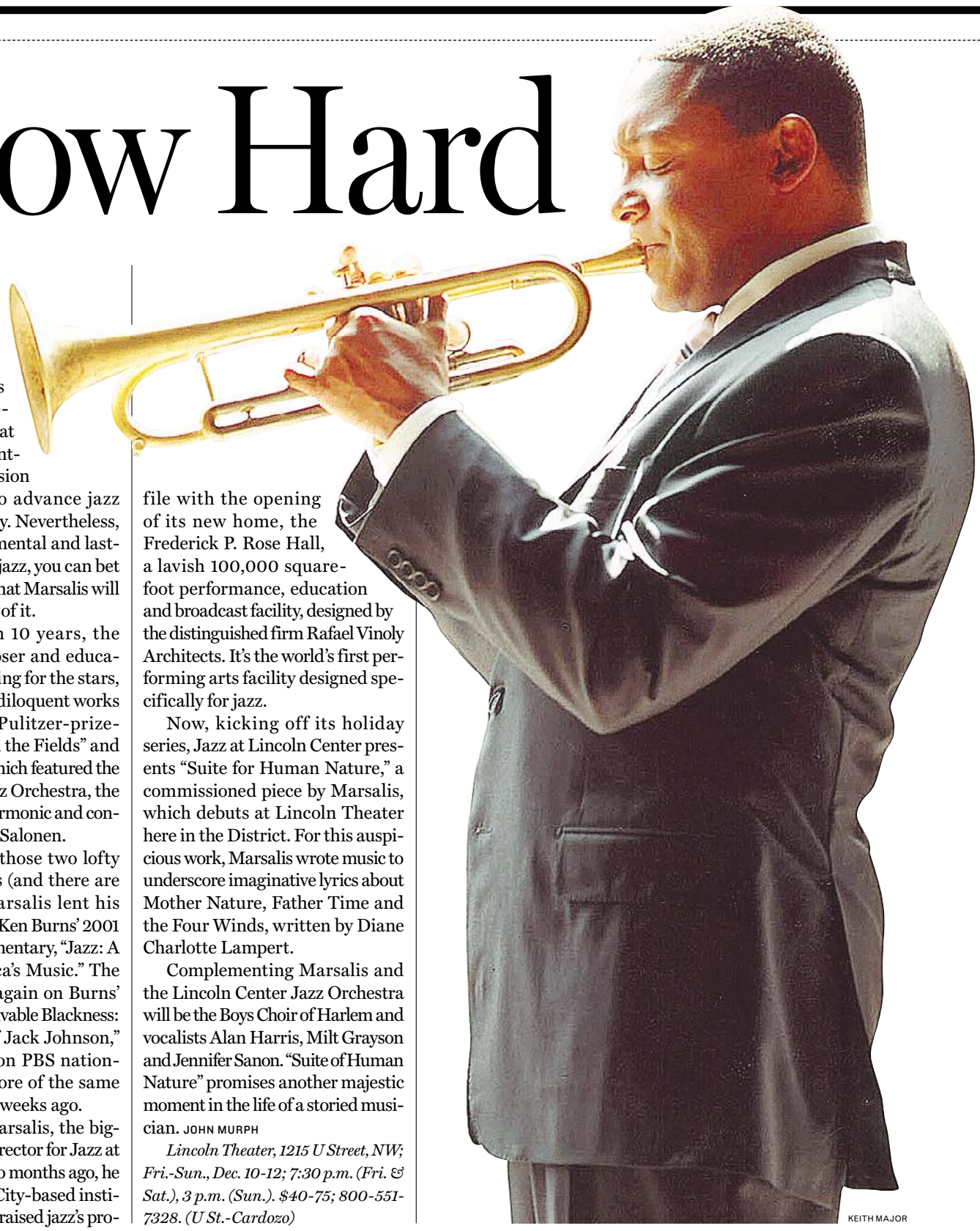

KEITH MAJOR

MUSIC | Love or loathe him, Wynton Marsalis knows how to bring about big things for jazz. His emphasis on history often puts him at odds with the avant-garde and jazz-fusion crowds, hoping to advance jazz for the new century. Nevertheless, if anything monumental and lasting is to happen in jazz, you can bet your bottom buck that Marsalis will probably be a part of it.

For more than 10 years, the trumpeter, composer and educator has been reaching for the stars, churning out grandiloquent works such as his 1997 Pulitzer-prize-winning "Blood on the Fields" and 2002's "All Rise," which featured the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, the Los Angeles Philharmonic and conductor Esa-Pekka Salonen.

In addition to those two lofty musical endeavors (and there are many others), Marsalis lent his scholarly insight to Ken Burns' 2001 10-part PBS documentary, "Jazz: A History of America's Music." The two collaborated again on Burns' latest film, "Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise & Fall of Jack Johnson," airing Jan. 17-18 on PBS nationwide. Marsalis' score of the same title came out two weeks ago.

Then there's Marsalis, the big-wheeling artistic director for Jazz at Lincoln Center. Two months ago, he and the New York City-based institution significantly raised jazz's profile with the opening of its new home, the Frederick P. Rose Hall, a lavish 100,000 square-foot performance, education and broadcast facility, designed by the distinguished firm Rafael Vinoly Architects. It's the world's first performing arts facility designed specifically for jazz.

Now, kicking off its holiday series, Jazz at Lincoln Center presents "Suite for Human Nature," a commissioned piece by Marsalis, which debuts at Lincoln Theater here in the District. For this auspicious work, Marsalis wrote music to underscore imaginative lyrics about Mother Nature, Father Time and the Four Winds, written by Diane Charlotte Lampert.

Complementing Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra will be the Boys Choir of Harlem and vocalists Alan Harris, Milt Grayson and Jennifer Sanon. "Suite of Human Nature" promises another majestic moment in the life of a storied musician. JOHN MURPH

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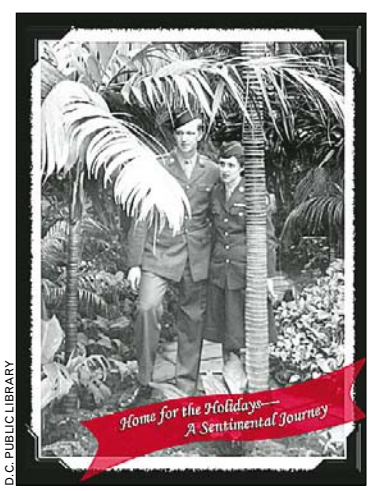


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# Revolution Rock

MUSIC | Le Tigre is all about injecting that junior-high fervor once reserved for cute clothes and boys into adult concerns. You know, the stuff no one gets a grip on until later years, after a women's studies class and a few confused hookups.

The band's Sunday visit will showcase not only songs from its two full-lengths on Mr. Lady records, but also its major-label debut, "This Island." They blew some of those big-label bucks to hire New Wave stork Ric Ocasek, whose career was resurrected as Weezer's producer of choice. The result is their slickest, yet most focused, song extravaganza to date.

"New Kicks" is a rousing shout-along featuring snippets of anti-war speeches by Susan Sarandon, Al Sharpton and Ossie Davis. "Viz" (short for "visibility") tackles gender identity within three bloopy electronic minutes.

With older titles like "What's Your Take on Cassavetes," you know there's some big thinking going on. It's the kind of stuff that inspires thesis papers from collegians in barettes, kneesocks and homemade T-shirts.

DANIELLE LEVITT/UNIVERSAL RECORDS

**HOLD THAT TIGRE:** Women who rock about what it means to be a rocking woman.

One notable curiosity is a bouncy cover of the Pointer Sisters' "I'm So Excited," which may strain the irony reserves of even the most ardent hipster.

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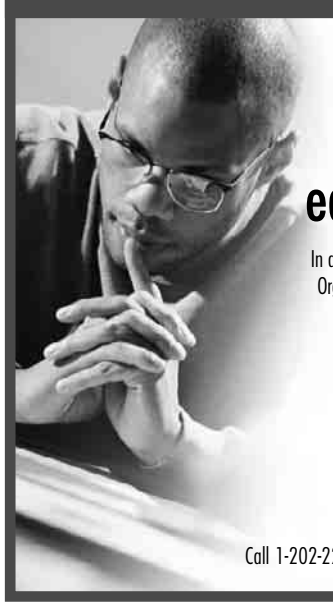

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### A Deeper Look: 'Works of Calder'

Come for the art, stay for the movie. The 20-minute documentary "Works of Calder" by Herbert Matter with music by John Cage and narration by Burgess Meredith is playing at the Phillips Collection in conjunction with the Phillips' "Calder Miró" exhibit.

*Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St. NW; Thu., Dec. 9, 6:30 & 7:30 p.m., free with museum admission; $13, $11 students and seniors, free under age 18; 202-387-2151. (Dupont Circle)*

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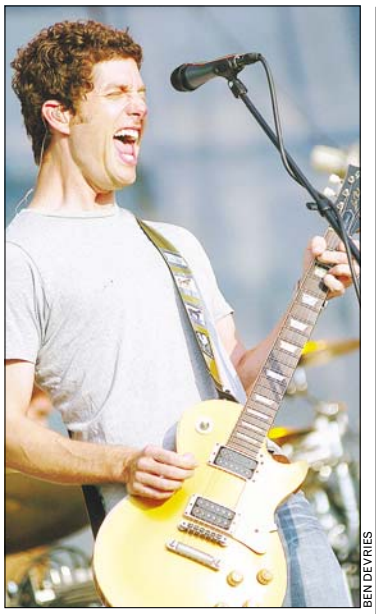

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### Sound of Music:

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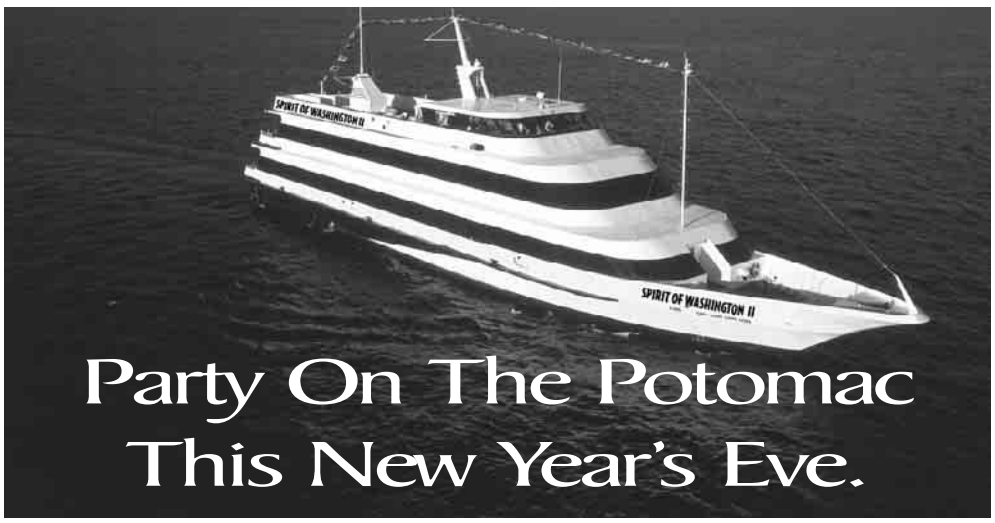


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# Speak, Mountain

## At 77, Ralph Stanley continues to carry the bluegrass torch

MUSIC | Every so often, the pop-culture machine has perfect timing. A few years ago, anybody would have guessed that bluegrass legend Ralph Stanley would one day head off to that great picking-party in the sky unknown to all but folk cultists.

That's not going to happen. At age 77, he's still going strong, pulling into the Birchmere Sunday with the latest lineup of his hard-traveling Clinch Mountain Boys.

And ever since the Coen Brothers used Stanley's spine-tingling "O Death" in 2000's quirky left-field hit "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" his fame has spread. Stanley's a cappella rendition of the ancient ballad has become the centerpiece of a live show that continues to draw a new generation of fans.

For all his latter-day acclaim, Stanley has spent more than half a century in the trenches. He waxed his earliest sides in 1947 for the Rich-R-Tone label alongside his brother Carter.

Bill Monroe may have named bluegrass and forever marked it with his stamp, but for many listeners, the Stanley Brothers, particularly as represented on their 1949-1952 Columbia recordings, have never been surpassed.

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**PLUCKY:** With his chiming banjo and eerie tenor, Stanley evokes hard times past.

When Carter died in 1966, the question was whether the band could continue. After much soul-searching, Ralph did go on, dedicating performances to his older brother. And although Carter couldn't be replaced, Ralph didn't want for talented (and sometimes equally tragically fated) collaborators. The late Roy Lee Centers and Keith Whitley were members of the famed early-'70s Stanley band.

Back then, "newgrass" was all the rage, but Stanley saw to it that his 'grass never got too new. His sound has always been drumless, acoustic and deeply indebted to the tunes and harmonies of the Appalachians.

These days, Stanley's son, Ralph Stanley II, sings lead and picks rhythm guitar. When his father's ringing banjo and plaintive high tenor join in, it sounds as though the way it was is the way it always will be. GLENN DIXON

*Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; Sun., Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m.; $25; 703-549-7500.*

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### Our Friend Technology: 'Cellphone'

The Discoveries 2004 film series marches on with the film "Cellphone," Feng Xiaogang's comedy about a man trying to keep a complicated life — wife, mistress, work — as simple as possible with the use of modern technology. In Mandarin with English subtitles.

*Freer Gallery, 12th Street and Independence Avenue SW; Fri., Dec. 10, 7 p.m., free with ticket; 202-633-4880. (Smithsonian)*

### Charity Rocks: Santa Jam at State

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Robert Lighthouse will jam for Santa.

*State Theatre, 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; Thu., Dec. 9, 8 p.m., $10 or more as a donation, free with unwrapped child's toy; 800-551-7328. (East Falls Church)*

### Simple Gifts: Jimmy Carter Signing

Forget the delicate international negotiations for now and concentrate on former President Jimmy Carter as down-home family man. He'll be signing copies of his new book, "Sharing Good Times," a cozy and inspirational memoir about family, friends, humble pastimes (like furniture-making) and the value of appreciating life and nature.

*Sam's Club, 45425 Dulles Crossing Plaza, Sterling; Fri., Dec. 10, 2:30 p.m., free; 571-434-8711.*

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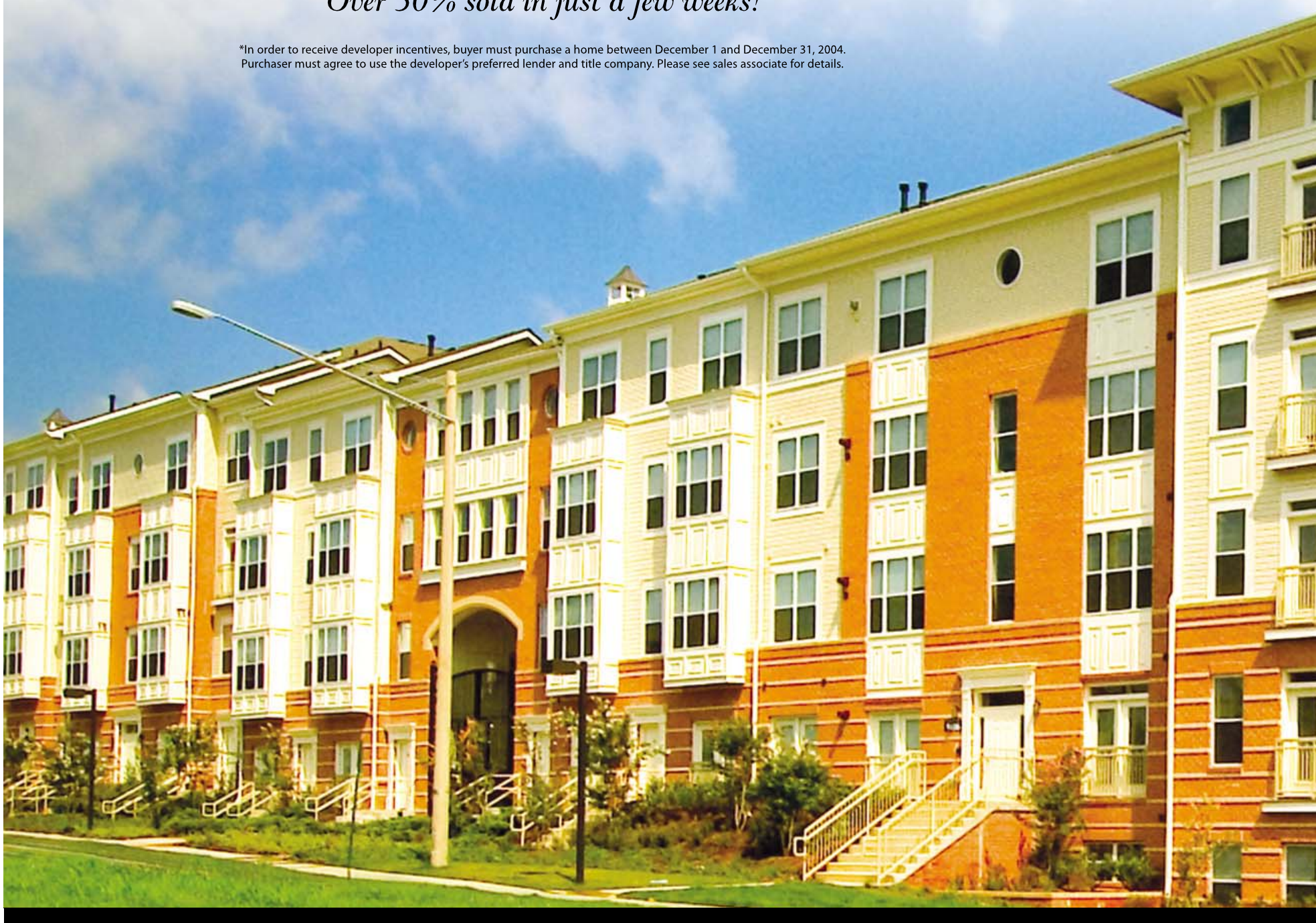

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# So, So Long

## Cher, on a second farewell tour, never can say goodbye

MUSIC | It's one of those "how-can-we-miss-you-if-you-won't-go-away" situations: Cher is back in an encore performance of her "Living Proof Farewell Tour."

She's coming to the MCI Center this Saturday night for her second D.C. appearance since her tour began in 2002.

This time she'll be joined by 1970s camp classics the Village People, a group that shares her fondness for flamboyant attire and roughly the same target demographic.

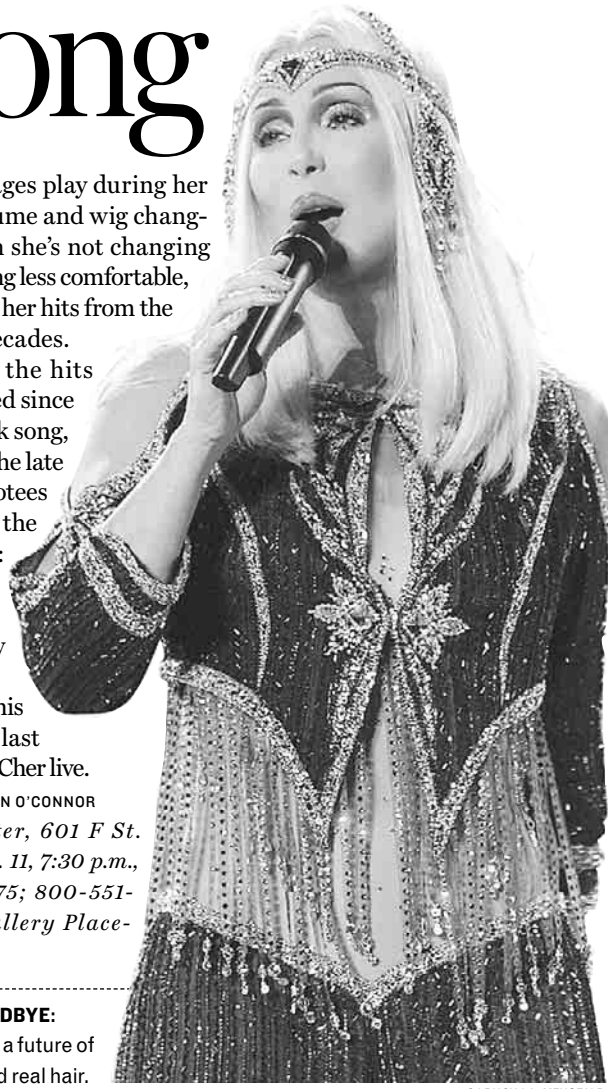
We have to hand it to her, though. The woman (well, a good part of her) is nearly 60 and still puts on an energetic show, albeit with fewer athletic feats. And as always, her entrance is sure to be dramatic.

The tour combines the concert with a multimedia walk-through of Cher's entertainment past. Video montages play during her myriad costume and wig changes, and when she's not changing into something less comfortable, she performs her hits from the past three decades.

Granted, the hits have dwindled since her comeback song, "Believe," in the late '90s. But devotees should enjoy the performance: As always, she gives her fans what they come for.

And hey, this may be their last chance to see Cher live. No, really. ERIN O'CONNOR

*MCI Center, 601 F St. NW; Sat., Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., $34.75-$79.75; 800-551-7328. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)*



**THE LONG GOODBYE:** Cher can't face a future of sweatpants and real hair.

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MUSIC | DEVOTED TO A DIVA

LARRY BUSACCA

**WHAT BECOMES A LEGEND MOST?** Singers and musicians pay tribute to jazz vocalist-pianist Shirley Horn, Washington's most swinging musical export, with a show called "The Music Never Ends." Horn herself performs along with Sheila Jordan, Lizz Wright, Regina Carter, Kenny Barron, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Kevin Mahogany, the Clayton Brothers Quintet and others. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Sat., Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., $50; 202-467-4600.

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### Tattoo You and You and ...: 'Ancient Marks'

You kids with your crazy tattoos and piercings think you invented everything. Well, award-winning photographer Chris Rainier has the evidence to prove that "Ancient Marks," as he calls this collection of images of dyed, perforated and otherwise adorned skin, is as old as human skin itself. There will be mehndi demonstrations before and after the presentation.

*National Geographic Society, Grosvenor Auditorium, 1145 17th St. NW; Thu., Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., $16; $14 members; 202-857-7700. (Farragut North)*

### Britpop's Vintage Year: 1964

The long claws of nostalgia reach out to baby boomers with the mop-headed, ever-touring Beatles cover band 1964: The Tribute. Why there's no 1972: The Blame Yoko Years Tribute, we just don't know.

*Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria; Thu., Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., $29.50; 703-549-7500.*

### A Side of Rancid: Those Bastards

Lars Frederiksen and the Bastards are the politically charged, righteously rhyming outgrowth of the punk band Rancid.

*Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; with Roger Miret & the Disasters, APA, Fri., Dec. 10, 9:30 p.m., $12; 800-551-7328. (U St.-Cardozo)*

### Honking Horns: Canadian Brass

Five guys with shiny brass instruments whose goofily charming stage act belies their knowledge of Baroque-era classical music, the Canadian Brass gets its honk on.

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**ETHNIC LIQUORS:** Exotic spirits are proving popular this year for holiday parties and gifts, said Steve Feldman, manager of Potomac Wine and Spirits (3100 M St. NW; 202-333-2848). Particularly trendy buys include Armenian brandies, Polish honey liquors and rakis (Turkish liquors). Sought-after brands range from Hungarian Zwack to the herbal bitterness of Czech Becherovka to the Scandinavian style of Aquavit. A few ethnic liquors — some varieties of Italian and Portuguese grappas, for example — come in ultra-fancy hand-blown glass bottles and are scooped up as much for the decorative appeal as for what's inside.

**FRUIT LIQUORS:** The novelty of booze with actual fruit in the bottle never seems to wear off. "It doesn't really do that much to the drink, but people buy it just because of how it looks," said Feldman. Cherry brandy is a perennial pick, but pear brandy leaves it choking in its dust, because the only way to get a full-sized pear in the bottle is to grow it inside. Bottles are attached to the branches of the pear tree around the pear bud, where they stay until the fruit is full-grown. The stem is snipped and the bottle is filled with brandy made from the pears on the tree. If this sounds too cool to pass up, be warned: "I get these people that go looking for the biggest pear they can get, which means they're getting less brandy."

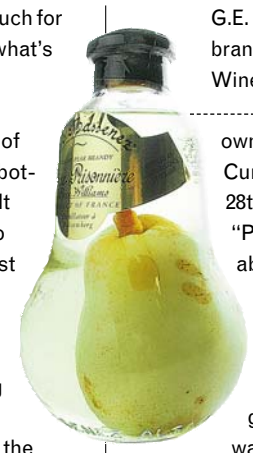
**WINE:** The movie "Sideways" — about a pinot noir-obsessed oenophile driving through Santa Barbara's wine country with a friend — has triggered a renewed interest in California wines, said Suzanne McGraph, owner of Arlington's The Curious Grape (4056 South 28th St.; 703-671-8700). "People come in talking about the movie and want to try some of the wines out," she said.

A 2000 barolo is a can't-miss wine gift after the vintage was scored a perfect 100 by many wine experts, said McGraph. "Because the weather was so good there that year, you almost can't go wrong."

Ports always make solid holiday buys, said McGraph, and are increasingly popular among younger buyers. "Port used to be known as the wine your parents drank. That doesn't appear to be the case anymore."

Gabby Kaufmann, manager of Best Cellars in Arlington (2855 Clarendon Blvd.; 703-741-0404), said she's observed overwhelming enthusiasm for South African wines this season. After major wine publications labeled the country "the new Australia," people have been "swarming in" to snatch up South African vintages as gifts. One particular top-seller is Vinum cabernet sauvignon; she said she can't keep it on the shelves.

CHRISTOPHER MINCHER (EXPRESS)

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**Can you suggest a few places to eat near the Washington Cathedral?**

Some people like the convenience of the nearby Cafe Deluxe, because it's good with kids and easy on the budget, but I've never been thrilled by the cooking. My preference would be Old Europe, for reliable German fare.

*Cafe Deluxe: 3228 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-686-2233. (Tenleytown)*

*Old Europe: 2434 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-7600.*

**One of my friends from London is coming to visit and she asked what the "scene" restaurants are in D.C. What do you think?**

Places that sizzle with eye candy (and noise!) include Ten Penh, Zaytinya, Cafe Atlantico, Buck's Fishing & Camping and Bistro Bis, the last place being the most "mature" in terms of its clientele.

*Ten Penh: 1001 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-393-4500. (Metro Center)*

*Zaytinya: 701 Ninth St. NW; 202-638-0800. (Gallery Place)*

*Cafe Atlantico: 405 Eighth St. NW; 202-393-0812. (Gallery Place)*

*Buck's: 5031 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-364-0777.*

*Bistro Bis: 15 E St. NW (in the Hotel George); 202-661-2700. (Union Station)*

MARVIN JOSEPH/TWP

Young, scene-making hipsters mingle with other young hipsters at Zaytinya.

**My birthday is on Sunday, and I'd like to take my family (husband and kids, ages 12 and 14) to dinner at a nice restaurant that doesn't frown on teenagers. I want to show my kids that there's more to life than Don Pablos and Fridays. Suggestions for the NoVa area?**

Does Thai cooking interest you? Bangkok 54 is both handsome and delicious, and you'll leave the place with cash to spare. For seafood in your neck of the woods, I think Bonefish Grill in Fairfax does a nice job.

*Bangkok 54: 2919 Columbia Pike, Arlington; 703-521-4070.*

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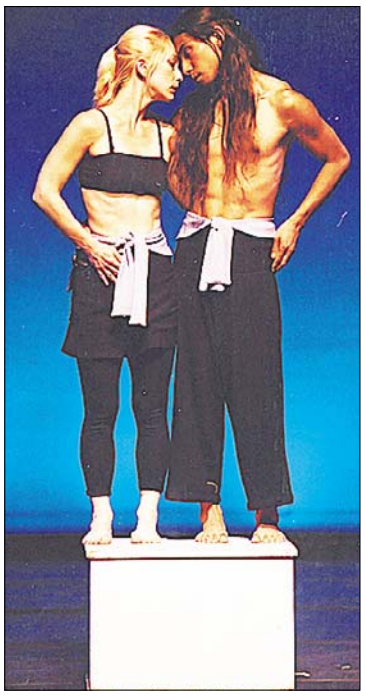
### Emotion in the Raw: 'Rappaccini's Daughter'

How can we put this delicately? There will be naked people on the stage for "Rappaccini's Daughter," Laura Schandelmeier's dance work inspired by the Nathaniel Hawthorne Gothic tale of botany, poison, hubris, science, love and death. If body bits on display offend, appall or confuse you, please see the entry for "Sesame Street Live," below.

*Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE; Sat.-Sun., Dec. 11-12, 8 p.m. (Sat.), 4 p.m. (Sun.), $18, $14 members; 202-269-1600. (Brookland-CUA)*



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# A Prophet of Rage

## Outspoken rapper Immortal Technique is fueled by politics

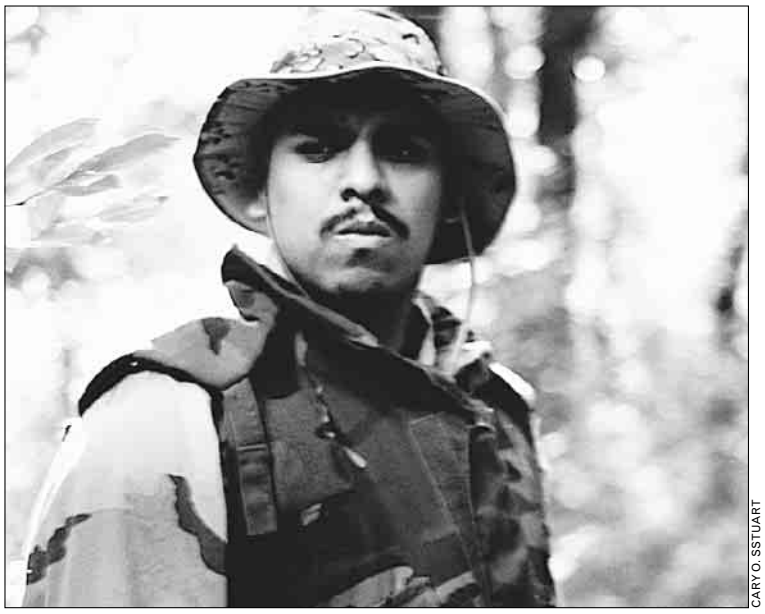
MUSIC | Immortal Technique's combustible rap verses are among hip-hop's most compelling and controversial. The Harlem rhymer, who gigs on Sunday at Between Friends, traffics in politically minded talk, recalling the rhymes of Chuck D, but considerably more antagonistic.

Immortal Technique fires away at political issues and mercilessly dissects them like a biology class frog. His most recent disc is "Revolutionary Vol. 2" and vicious tracks like "The Point of No Return" and "Internally Bleeding" evoke a remarkable combination of unabashed anger and poetic prose. "My metaphors are dirty like herpes, but harder to catch," he boasts on "Industrial Revolution." "Like an escape tunnel in prison, I started from scratch."

The brash wordplay isn't for everyone, and much of the Bush White House comes under a verbal barrage by the volatile and quick-witted rhymer born in Peru. Those heading to Between Friends will be engulfed by one of hip-hop's most spirited wordsmiths and see a hyper-driven presence who has a legitimate shot at evolving into a genre legend.

Ticket sales will be donated to assist schools and clinics in Chiapas, Mexico. Bring canned food for the Capital Area Food Bank for a $2 ticket discount. CRAIG SMITH

*Between Friends, 1115-A U St. NW; Sun., with Los Nativos, Akir, Flex Matthews, Mix Master Rod, Sun., Dec. 12, 8 p.m., $12, $10 with canned food; 703-929-5688. (U St.-Cardozo)*



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**GUERRILLA HIP-HOP:** IT's brash wordplay makes him rap's most pungent voice.

# Yearlong Space Exploration

OUT & ABOUT | It's holiday time — time to get in touch with your inner child. And if your interior urchin is a Ritalin-gobbling grade-schooler, you'd better haul down to the Saturday shindig celebrating the first anniversary of the National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center.

In the spirit of the season, there'll be lots of bright shiny planes, some with reputations — such as the meticulously restored and still controversial Enola Gay — less lustrous than others.

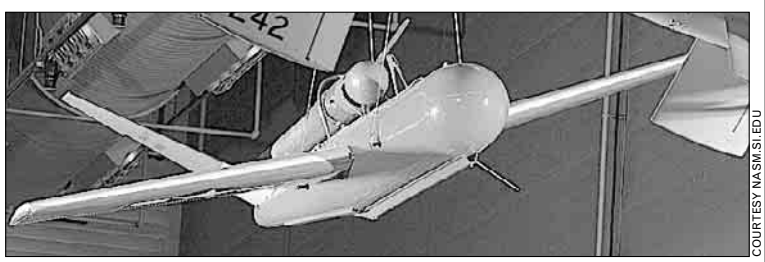
Lurking nearby are others that went about their business more sneakily. Nobody's really sure of the mission of the dark and swooping Lockheed SR-71A Blackbird, a plane so boss-looking it was destined for the covers of countless spiral-bound notebooks. Rumor has it Santa pilots one in the off-season, keeping track of all the naughties and nices with the assistance of elves trained in high-altitude surveillance photography.

A couple of flyboys who don't hail from the North Pole will be making an appearance. Space shuttle commanders Joe Engle and Fred Haise, also an Apollo 13 vet, will talk about their experiences aboard the Enterprise, now housed in the recently opened space hangar.

Some lucky visitors will receive free tickets to the new IMAX movie "Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag." The theater's sound system is so powerful even Pete Townshend can hear it. Bring earplugs.

If your inner and outer children coincide, be sure to suit up in space-themed garb. The best astronauts and aliens will be chosen in three age groups. GLENN DIXON

*National Air and Space Museum, Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly, Va.; Sat., Dec. 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; admission free, parking $12; 202-633-1000.*



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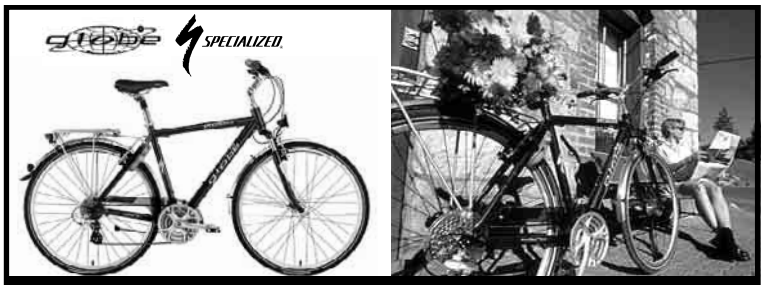


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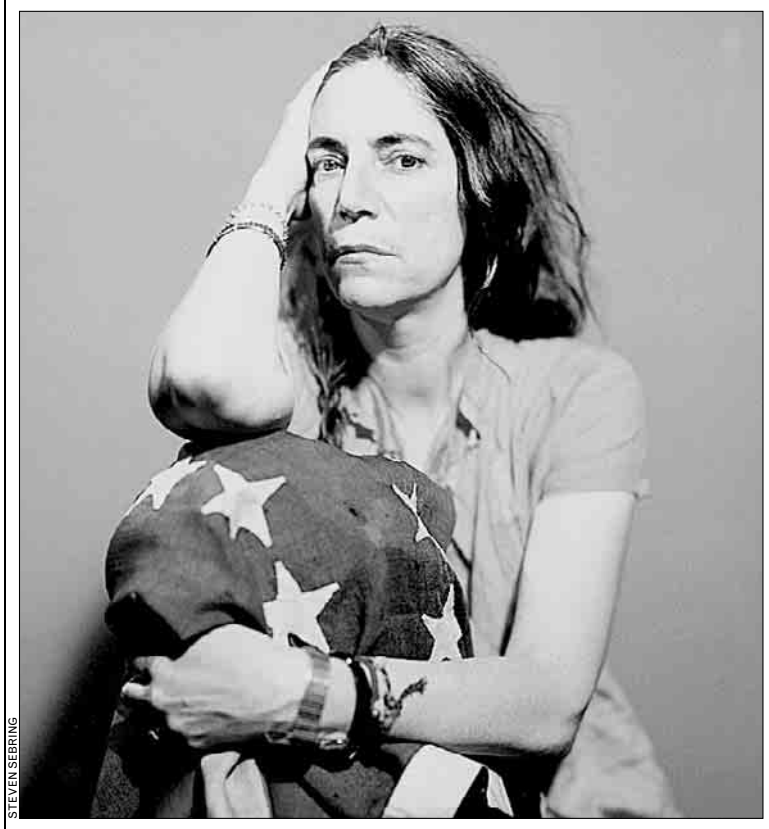

STEVEN SEBRING

**POET'S CORNER:** Patti Smith keeps truth-telling to a maximum in her charged rock.

# Troubadour in Black Leather

## Poet and musician Patti Smith is the toughest artist in rock

MUSIC | As a poet, why toil in obscurity when there are so many rock bands in need of a singer? It worked for Bob Dylan and Lou Reed — the two songwriters most frequently mentioned in the same sentence as Patti Smith.

Smith had the good fortune to find herself with a clutch of poetic musings and friends in the '70s New York punk and art scenes. Those visionary friends included critic Lenny Kaye, Television guitarist Tom Verlaine and photographer Robert Mapplethorpe, all of whom lent their talents.

After teaming with producer John Cale, late of the Velvet Underground, Smith's debut album, "Horses," blew the minds of the CBGB set and expanded the possibilities for the primitive idiom known as "punk." Today it's considered a watershed — for sonically and lyrically ambitious pop, and the ability of women to make it.

Her recent album, "Trampin'," is her ninth in 30 years. Thursday's visit should reveal how far Smith has come in that time. She has survived many famous friends from those early years, and her sound has continually progressed, incorporating improv experiments with the styles of gospel, country and blues.

Cuts like "Radio Baghdad" and "My Blakean Year" celebrate the motley patchwork of American lives. Songs like "Tresspasses" and "Gandhi" wander farther afield to find their truths to live by.

Through it all, Smith's singular delivery — sung, spoken, chanted — keeps true to her roots as a poetic thinker. And her striking presence on the stage ensures that poetry won't be ignored. BOB MASSEY

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# A Warm Welcome

FAMILY | Want to celebrate the holidays Russian-style without freezing your tush off?

The fourth annual Russian Winter Festival, held at Hillwood Museum and Gardens, brings all the tradition and fun of a Russian winter without the bitter cold.

The fun begins with Father Frost and his granddaughter, the Snow Maiden, who will take pictures with youngsters and tell some Russian folktales.

COURTESY HILLWOOD GARDENS

Father Frost may be authentically Russian, but his beard doesn't fool kids.

Father Frost is Russia's answer to Santa Claus, but he's less jolly and round — "wizardlike" may be the best description — and a little more discriminating. Generous to well-behaved children while ignoring the bad ones, this tall, thin guy roams the streets, giving presents to the worthy.

The festival also will feature a dramatic reading of "The Mummer's Holiday" from "War and Peace," a section of the tome that describes typical Russian holiday hijinks. Visitors also can explore the temporary exhibition, "Tradition in Transition: Russian Icons in the Age of the Romanovs," and even make an icon-inspired holiday ornament to take home.

And what would a Russian celebration be without dance and music? The Kalinka National Dance Troupe and the Washington Balalaika Society will keep the audience's toes tapping. ERIN O'CONNOR

*Hillwood Museum and Gardens, 4155 Linnean Ave. NW; Sat., Dec. 11, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun., Dec. 12, noon-6 p.m.; $18, $5 for children (reservations required); 202-686-8500.*

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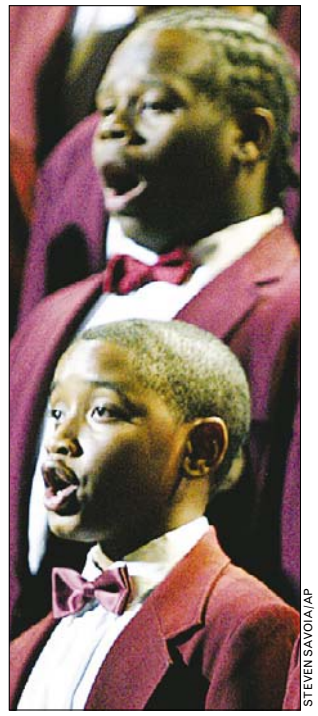

STEVEN SAVOIA/AP

The Boys Choir of Harlem holds a holiday concert at GMU Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax; Fri., Dec. 10, 8 p.m., $22-$44; 703-218-6500.

**HEADS UP:** Dress warmly and bring a book: Saturday is the free ticket giveaway to the Kennedy Center's "Messiah" singalong. Line up early to snag a part in Dec. 23's amateur chorus.


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# The Unpleasantest Cut

FILM | "Blade: Trinity" — the third and hopefully final installment in Wesley Snipes' franchise about a half-human, half-vampire hunter of the undead — is a bloody mess.

The showdown between Snipes' Blade and the father of all vampires, Dracula, is a deafening bore filled with unimaginative action and repetitive visual effects, and the characters, both dead and alive, are as stiff as corpses.

Writer-director David Goyer piles on the decibels with a head-banging soundtrack and piles up the bodies. Hardly a moment goes by in the latest sequel without some vampire bursting into flaming residue, a cool effect the first few times but tedious and annoying by the 50th.

Goyer, who wrote the first two "Blade" flicks based on the Marvel comic books, musters the thinnest of muddled plots to hang the action on in "Blade: Trinity." Dracula (Dominic Purcell) is awakened from a long slumber by a band of snaky little vampires led by Danica Talos (Parker Posey).

DIYAH PERA/NEW LINE/AP

Wesley Snipes is silly-looking, stoic and half-undead in the violent "Blade: Trinity."

First, they need to capture Blade for none-too-explicit reasons, so they frame him as a vigilante crusader and let the cops do the dirty work. But a band of vampire slayers called the Night Stalkers conveniently turns up to spring Blade and join forces with him in the fight against Drake.

The movie lumbers from car chase to gunfire to explosion to hand-to-hand combat and back, the rapid-fire action photographed and edited gracelessly.

Snipes looks as silly as ever, and one fleeting scene of humor and humanity he displays underscores the fact that a stone-faced bruiser is really dull to watch.

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

Rapper Jay-Z has landed an office job.

## Jay-Z Tapped To Head Up Def Jam Label

CAREER CHANGES | Retired rapper Jay-Z has a new job — president of the Def Jam record label. The long-rumored appointment was announced Wednesday. Jay-Z will take the helm on Jan. 3, while continuing to run Roc-A-Fella Records. Def Jam, which owned 50 percent of Roc-A-Fella, also announced it had wholly purchased the rap label. "I feel this is a giant step for me and the entire artist community," said Jay-Z in a statement. (AP)


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# Television

**NEXT: MALOOF, THE FRAGRANCE:** Sure, the Maloofs are rich, but are they overexposed enough? Spike TV is giving Joe, Gavin, George and Phil (who own casinos and a basketball team, among other enterprises) their own eight-part reality series.

# Only Three to Go

## As 'The Apprentice' heads to a finale, contestants jostle

REALITY | For the many of you ignoring the show this season, here's a rundown on the final four hoping to become "The Apprentice" (9 p.m., NBC).

Lawyer Jennifer M. has raised suspicion in and out of the boardroom with her ability to shirk ultimate responsibility and avoid blame when her teams lost. Sandy engaged in a testy catfight with Jennifer in the boardroom a few weeks back. But the two joined forces last week to peddle candy bars dressed as bimboesque M&M twins.

Jennifer

Kevin has the most impressive résumé. He's also managed to make the most allies, but he's shown poor business sense on a few occasions. Kelly is the game's coolest player. What can you say about a guy with a military background who insists on drawing and designing his own line of women's evening gowns?

If I cared enough to bet, I'd put my money on Kevin and Kelly. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

## ON TV TONIGHT

### DELICIOUS MANIOC: IT'S WHAT'S FOR DINNER. AGAIN.

**SURVIVOR** (8 p.m., CBS) sets itself up for Sunday's finale. I have to admit I was shocked, shocked, shocked by last week's episode: I'm not talking about Ami's eviction: I was stunned by the sight of Eliza's bony body. It's time for Scout to stop hogging the manioc.

### FAME CAN'T BE THAT TOUGH

Rachael Harris hosts **THE SMOKING GUN YEAR END SPECIAL 2004** (10 p.m., Court TV). Inspired by the popular Web site devoted to popularizing celebrity mug shots, peculiar and scandalous legal documents and other offbeat information, "Special" features a roundup of the odd but memorable celebrity legal tussles of 2004.

THE WB

Grandma survived the reindeer but got turned into a cheesy holiday special.

### A HEARTWARMING TALE OF MAIMING AND SLOW RECOVERY

**GRANDMA GOT RUN OVER BY A REINDEER** (8 p.m., WB) devotes an hour to a story best (and originally) told in a three-minute novelty song.

### RATED M FOR MATURE

Lori Loughlin hosts **THE 6TH ANNUAL FAMILY TELEVISION AWARDS** (9 p.m., WB).

### JOHN MAYER CAN'T THINK OF A GOOD TITLE FOR IT

**JOHN MAYER HAS A TV SHOW** (11 p.m., VH1) follows the popular singer-songwriter on last summer's tour, with a special emphasis on his offstage antics.

### LIKE 'THE COLD SHOULDER'

**THE O.C.** (8 p.m., Fox) Winter sports in a summer climate.

### IT'S MAGIC! GET IT? MAGIC?

An impressive supporting cast overshadows the leads in the 1970 TV-movie **DAVID COPPERFIELD** (8 p.m., Fox Movie Channel). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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| | WJLA 7 | News CC | ABC Wld News | Wheel of Fortune | Jeopardy! (N) | Extreme Makeover (N) CC | | life as we know it "With a Kiss, I Die" | | PrimeTime Live CC | | News CC | (:35) Nightline |
| | WUSA 9 | News CC | CBS News | USA Tonight | Ent. Tonight | Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire (N) | | CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) | | Without a Trace (N) CC | | News CC | (:35) Late Show |
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| | WMPT 22 | The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) | | Business Rpt. | Business Conn. | Magic Moments: The Best of 50's Pop CC | | | | Sarah Brightman: Live From Las Vegas CC | | | Cruising-Water |
| | WETA 26 | BBC World News | Business Rpt. | The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) | | Visions of Germany: Bavaria and the Black Forest (N) | | | German Americans CC | | | Money Help Is on the Way | |
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| BASIC CABLE | A&E | City Confidential "Pittsburgh" CC | | American Justice: Moxley | | Cold Case Files A wild hunch pays off in the capture of a serial rapist. CC | | | | MovieReal "Ocean's Twelve" CC | | Crossing Jordan "Prisoner Exchange" | |
| | Animal | The Crocodile Hunter CC | | Most Extreme "Disguise" CC | | The Planet's Funniest Animals CC | | Animal Cops Houston "Armed Siege" | | Animal Cops Houston | | The Planet's Funniest Animals CC | |
| | BET | 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live | | | BET Style | The Parkers | Girlfriends CC | Soul Food CC | | Comicview | | BET Nightly News | The L-Bow Room |
| | Bravo | (4:45) ★★★ "Dirty Dancing" (1987) | | The West Wing "Dead Irish Writers" | | Project Runway CC | | Celebrity Poker Showdown CC | | | | The West Wing "Dead Irish Writers" | |
| | Comedy | Shorties Watchin' | Stranger-Candy | The Daily Show | Mad TV CC | | Crank Yankers | Reno 911! CC | South Park CC | Drawn Together | Shorties Watchin' | The Daily Show | Drawn Together |
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| | Discovery | Monster Nation (N) | | American Chopper "POW/MIA 3" | | Nile: Land of the Crocodiles (N) | | Pharaoh's Revenge: Treasure | | American Chopper "Comanche 2" | | Nile: Land of the Crocodiles | |
| | DISCH | Chicago Hope "Risky Business" | | Trauma: Life in the ER "Total Divert" | | The Residents "Life and Death" | | The Residents "Women in Surgery" | | Sex, Gender and Desire CC | | The Residents "Life and Death" | |
| | Disney | Even Stevens | Lizzie McGuire | Sister, Sister | That's So Raven | ★★ "Going to the Mat" (2004) Andrew Lawrence, Khleo Thomas. CC | | | | Lizzie McGuire | Sister, Sister | Even Stevens | Boy Meets World |
| | E! | 101 Crimes of Fashion | | E! News (N) | Dr. 90210 | 101 Crimes of Fashion | | 101 Crimes of Fashion | | 101 Crimes of Fashion | | Howard Stern | Howard Stern |
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| | Family | 7th Heaven "PK" CC | | Drummer Boy | Drummer Boy | "Borrowed Hearts" (1997, Drama) Roma Downey, Hector Elizondo. | | | | Whose Line? | Whose Line? | The 700 Club CC | |
| | History | Modern Marvels "Robots" The history of robotics. CC | | | | Mysterious Howard Hughes CC | | Boys' Toys (N) CC | | Boys' Toys CC | | Iraq War: Insurgents' Deadly Tactics | |
| | Lifetime | The Golden Girls | The Golden Girls | ★★ "The Christmas Wish" (1998) Neil Patrick Harris, Debbie Reynolds. CC | | | | "Comfort and Joy" (2003, Comedy-Drama) Nancy McKeon, Dixie Carter. CC | | | | The Nanny CC | The Golden Girls |
| | MTV | R. Wrld Chal. | R. Wrld Chal. | Direct Effect | | Making the Movie | Viva La Bam | Viva La Bam | Viva La Bam | True Life Separate identities. | | Pimp My Ride | Punk'd |
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| | SCIFI | Stargate SG-1 "The Curse" CC | | "Riverworld" (2003, Science Fiction) Brad Johnson, Emily Lloyd. CC | | | | "Anonymous Rex" (2004, Mystery) Sam Trammell, Daniel Baldwin. CC | | | | ★ "Highlander: Endgame" (2000) | |
| | SPIKE | World's Wildest Police Videos CC | | CSI: Crime Scene Investigation | | CSI: Crime Scene Investigation | | MXC (N) | MXC | Spring of Trivia | MXC | MXC | MXC |
| | TBS | Seinfeld CC | Seinfeld CC | Every-Raymond | Every-Raymond | Friends CC | Friends CC | Friends CC | Friends CC | ★★ "The Replacements" (2000) Keanu Reeves, Gene Hackman. CC | | | |
| | TLC | Clean Sweep "It's a Jungle in There" | | In a Fix "Superhero Bedroom" CC | | Overhaulin' Lance Armstrong's GTO. | | Mob Scene CC | | Mostly True Stories: Urban Legends | | Overhaulin' Lance Armstrong's GTO. | |
| | TNT | Charmed CC | | Law & Order "Double Down" | | NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Houston Rockets. From Toyota Center in Houston. CC | | | | | NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Portland Trail Blazers. | | |
| | USA | JAG "Empty Quiver" CC (DVS) | | JAG "In Thin Air" CC | | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit | | ★★★ "The Bourne Identity" (2002) Matt Damon. An amnesiac agent is marked for death after a botched hit. CC | | | | | |
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| MOVIES | AMC | (5:45) ★★★ "Escape From Alcatraz" (1979) Clint Eastwood. 'PG' CC | | | | ★★ "Boiling Point" (1993, Drama) Wesley Snipes, Dennis Hopper. 'R' | | | | ★★ "Unlawful Entry" (1992, Suspense) Kurt Russell, Ray Liotta. 'R' | | | |
| | TCM | (5:30) ★★★★ "Lust for Life" (1956, Biography) Kirk Douglas. 'NR' CC | | | | ★★★ "Peyton Place" (1957, Drama) Lana Turner. Grace Metalious' steamy tale of life in a New England town. 'NR' | | | | | | ★★★ "Picnic" (1955) 'PG' CC | |
| | HBO | ★★★ "That Thing You Do!" (1996) Tom Everett Scott. 'PG' CC | | | | Inside the NFL CC | | ★★ "S.W.A.T." (2003, Action) Samuel L. Jackson. 'PG-13' CC | | | | Real Sex Xtra | Real Sex Xtra |
| | MAX | (5:30) ★★★ "The Devil's Own" (1997) Harrison Ford. 'R' | | | ★★★ "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003) Keanu Reeves. Freedom fighters revolt against machines. | | | | | ★★ "Cradle 2 the Grave" (2003) Jet Li. 'R' CC | | | Mummy's Kiss |
| | SHOW | (:15) ★ "Lost Treasure" (2003) Stephen Baldwin. 'R' CC | | | (:45) SHO Me First | ★★★ "The School of Rock" (2003) Jack Black. iTV. 'PG-13' CC | | | | ★★ "The Boys of 2nd Street Park" (2003) 'R' CC | | | Halloween: Res |
| | TMC | ★★★ "The Hours" (2002, Drama) Meryl Streep. 'PG-13' CC | | | | "Possessed" (2000, Horror) Timothy Dalton, Christopher Plummer. CC | | | | ★★ "King of the Ants" (2003) Chris McKenna. 'R' CC | | | Ash Wednesday |
| | STARZ! | (4:05) The Pianist | (:45) ★★ "Outbreak" (1995, Suspense) Dustin Hoffman, Rene Russo. 'R' CC | | | | | ★★ "The Hulk" (2003) Eric Bana. Scientist Bruce Banner transforms into a powerful brute. CC | | | | | (:20) ★★ Spawn |
| | ENCORE | (:05) ★★ "Bringing Down the House" (2003) Steve Martin. 'PG-13' CC | | | | ★★ "Assassins" (1995, Drama) Sylvester Stallone. 'R' CC | | | | (:15) ★ "Friday After Next" (2002) Ice Cube. 'R' CC | | | (:45) Ransom 'R' |

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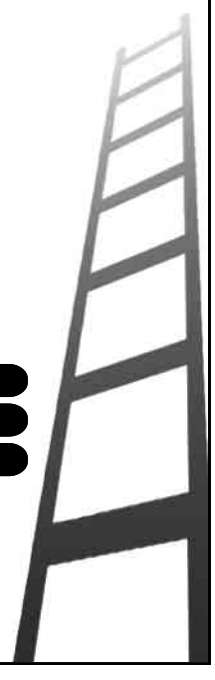

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**THE MILITARY MOLD:** Imprints of weapons create the war images.

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Culture

## Ex-soldiers find a medium to express their inner conflicts

# The Art Of War

There are things Ehren Tool can't forget about fighting in the Persian Gulf War — the danger, the urgency, the revelation that life can be lost between the tick and tock of a moment.

"I feel like there's this siren all the time, and everybody's just walking along normal, nobody's breaking for the fire exits," he said.

The feeling drives the Berkeley, Calif., man to slap another lump of clay on his potter's wheel and set it spinning, coaxing the mass into cups that appear innocuous at first glance, and then quite disturbing — stamped with bombs, skulls, gas masks and the Marine Corps insignia.

Artists have long been inspired by war, with many famous pieces created by civilians. But there is something particularly compelling about art created by the soldiers themselves.

> "A lot of the art is what you would call conflicted. There's certainly anger."
>
> **JERRY KYKISZ**
> GENERAL MANAGER OF THE NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS ART MUSEUM

Jerry Kykisz, general manager of the National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum in Chicago, said a combination of things seems to inspire the collection, which comes from people who served on all sides of that war.

"A lot of the art is what you would call conflicted," he said. "There's certainly anger. There's certainly other expressions. Most people who were in a combat situation find there is that overwhelming response to a situation that they need to get out and sometimes that emotional response is conflicted."

Michael Aschenbrenner, a glass artist and Vietnam vet who suffered permanent injury in the war when he had to walk on a dislocated knee for two days, turned his experiences directly into art. His "Damaged Bones" is a series of sculptures held together by splints to demonstrate the fragility of life.

"I think everybody starts trying to figure out who they were before they went," he said. "I don't think you ever return as that person."

Tool never intended to make art his career. He enrolled in college on the GI Bill, planning to become an emergency medical technician. But the art classes for which he signed up began to appeal. Tool will graduate in May with a master's degree in fine art from the University of California at Berkeley.

He estimates that he's given away more than 4,000 cups in the last four years. Many have gone to Marines.

One cup is rimmed by a gleaming ribbon of black glaze and has a series of bombs interspersed with the U.S. Marine Corps insignia on the side and base. On the bottom, sandbags are piled around a skull and crossbones.

Some decorations are made with real items, such as medals.

Tool picked cups as a way to talk about war in a non-threatening way.

"I can put the most horrible, graphic image on a cup and it's still just a cup," he said. "So much of the war art is so absolute."

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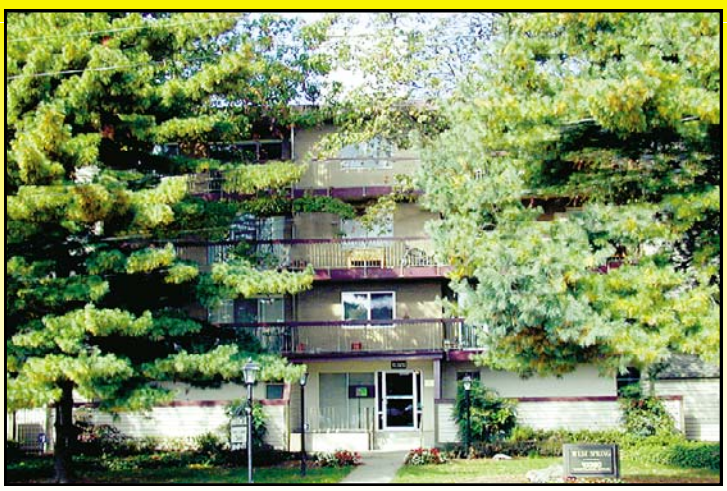

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## NBA

# Fight Fallout

Post writer **GREG SANDOVAL** was online Wednesday to discuss the charges against the Indiana Pacers for the Nov. 19 brawl in Detroit | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline**

**Why are there two counts for Jermaine O'Neal and one for Ron Artest? Does that mean Artest is charged for fighting only in the stands, and that his punching of that guy on the court is considered self-defense?**

Jermaine O'Neal is accused of punching Charlie Haddad on the floor and pushing a Palace employee onto a table. Artest is accused of grabbing and pushing a 26-year-old fan while in the stands. What is unclear is why Artest was not charged for hitting the fan who confronted him on the court. It's a reasonable guess that authorities deemed the blow to be self-defense.

**Can ESPN and their NBA "experts" stop talking about the Detroit debacle? This incident happened over three weeks ago. Move on. I'm beginning to wonder if ESPN just sees this as good for ratings, which is downright sad.**

Some people are probably getting sick of the relentless video replay of the fight, but when I go to MCI, it's all anyone wants to talk about. I predict that once the players' appeal is heard, the incident will fade away — unless it becomes an issue at the labor talks.

**What is your assessment of Wednesday's press conference on the charges?**

It might have been a little over-the-top, in my opinion. The prosecutor, David Gorcyca, said that in terms of the seriousness of the charges involved, typically he wouldn't be involved in the case. One of his underlings would have handled it.

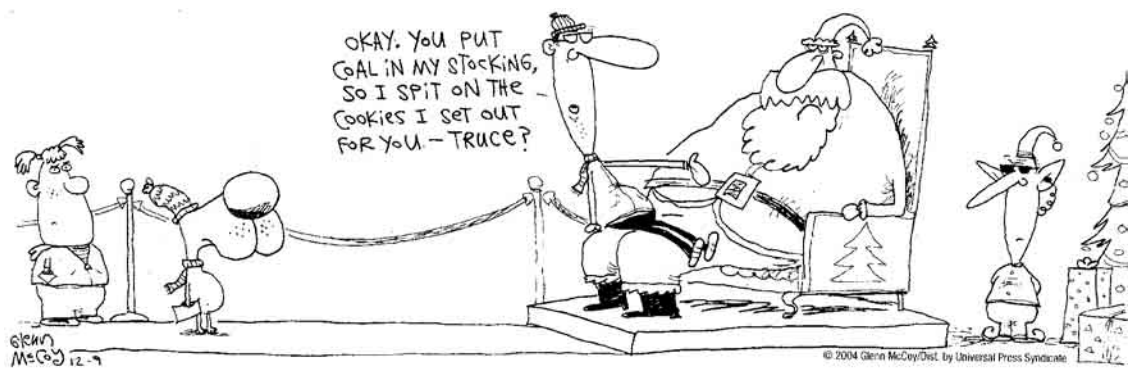
I think he could have made his points without the video replays and PowerPoint presentation. That said, this was an enormous event in the sports world and I'm sure he wanted to be as thorough and lucid as he could be.

### ➜ Today on Live Online

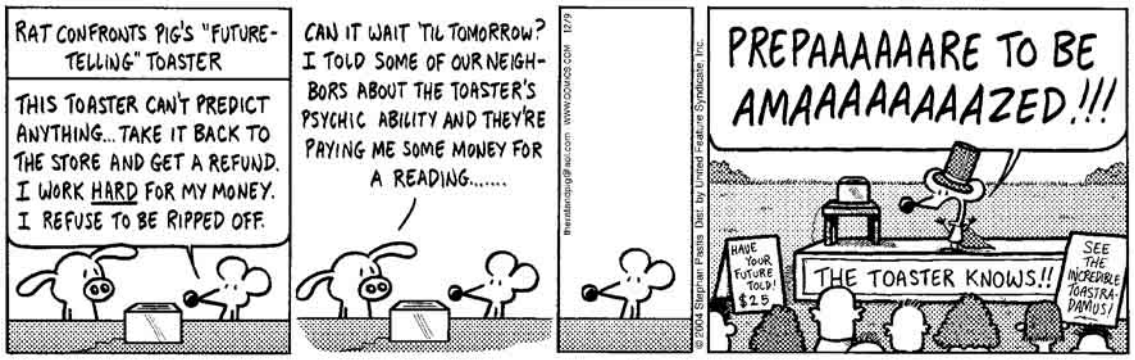
**11 A.M.:** Post staff writers D'Vera Cohn and Peter Whoriskey discuss regional population growth and the increasing distance between housing and jobs.

**3 P.M.:** Petkeeping expert Marc Morrone discusses keeping your pets safe and entertained during the holidays.

## The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*




## Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*




## Letters

### Watch Your Smoke, Please

**WHEN I USE** an escalator within the Metro system to travel down to the station, I would prefer not to inhale carcinogenic substances. However, when I mentioned to a smoker in just such a situation that smoking on the escalator is against the rules, I got a loud "mind your own business." An individual has a right to smoke. However, in this case, the person's right to smoke infringed on my right not to smoke — and broke the rules as well. It is my business when I am forced to inhale something that I choose not to. And I will defend my rights. So I'd ask the smokers out there to please restrict their smoking habits to where they're legal and don't make other people suffer.

—VLADIMER SHIOSHVILI
*Washington, D.C.*

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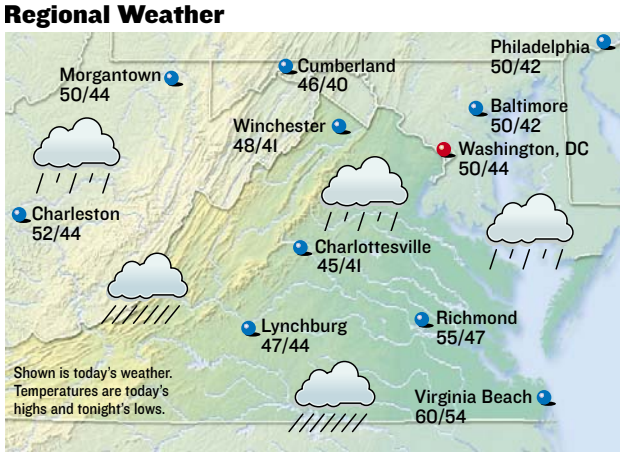
## 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

| Today | Tonight | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Becoming cloudy, afternoon rain | Dense fog, rain tapering off | Cloudy, milder, showers | Variably cloudy, shower | Partly sunny, blustery | Partly sunny, windy, colder |
| 50° | 44° | 55° / 43° | 53° / 37° | 50° / 34° | 48° / 29° |

## Regional Weather

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## Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

**Temperature**

| | |
|---|---|
| High | 62° |
| Low | 54° |
| Normal high | 49° |
| Normal low | 34° |
| Average humidity | 43% |

**Precipitation**

| | |
|---|---|
| 24 hours ending 4 p.m. | 0.17" |
| Month to date | 0.93" |
| Normal month to date | 0.80" |
| Year to date | 40.37" |
| Last year to date | 57.66" |
| Normal year to date | 37.21" |

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

## Regional Forecast

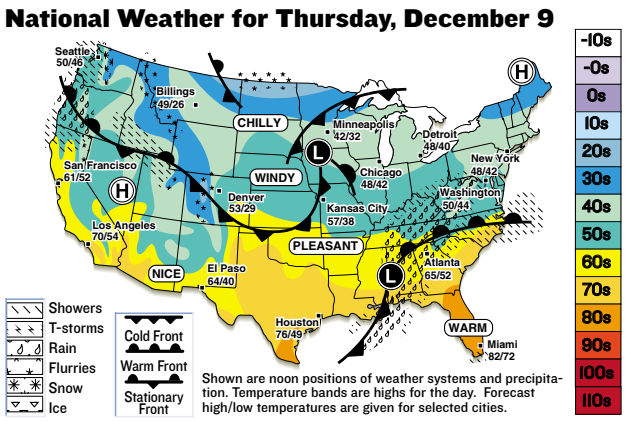
**D.C. Metro:** Today, becoming cloudy, rain arriving in the afternoon. High 50. Wind east to southeast 6-12 mph. Tonight, rain ending, fog late. Low 44.

## Sun and Moon

| | |
|---|---|
| Sunrise today | 7:15 a.m. |
| Sunset tonight | 4:46 p.m. |
| Moonrise today | 4:20 a.m. |
| Moonset today | 2:46 p.m. |

| New | First | Full | Last |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dec 11 | Dec 18 | Dec 26 | Jan 3 |

## National Weather for Thursday, December 9




Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

## National Cities

| City | Today Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 65/52/r | 58/40/sh |
| Boston | 48/36/s | 44/42/r |
| Chicago | 48/42/c | 44/30/r |
| Dallas | 72/45/s | 66/41/s |
| Denver | 53/29/pc | 55/32/pc |
| Honolulu | 81/66/sh | 80/65/pc |
| Los Angeles | 70/54/pc | 80/54/s |
| Miami | 82/72/pc | 85/62/pc |
| New York City | 48/42/pc | 46/44/r |
| Orlando | 84/66/pc | 78/56/t |
| Seattle | 50/46/r | 56/44/r |

## World Cities

| City | Today Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Amsterdam | 50/46/pc | 51/45/pc |
| Athens | 56/44/c | 52/39/c |
| Berlin | 43/39/pc | 43/42/pc |
| Buenos Aires | 79/59/sh | 81/65/s |
| Calgary | 37/24/pc | 34/20/c |
| Dublin | 55/43/pc | 52/43/sh |
| Geneva | 48/42/c | 49/42/pc |
| Moscow | 30/19/sf | 27/19/c |
| Rome | 56/44/r | 57/45/r |
| Sydney | 82/63/pc | 77/56/t |
| Tokyo | 55/44/pc | 59/50/r |

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

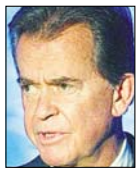
# Look out

## People

RECOVERIES

### Clark Expects to Ring In New Year Despite Recent Stroke

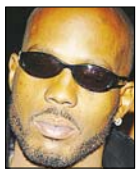
Longtime television presenter and producer **DICK CLARK** was hospitalized this week after suffering a mild stroke. Clark, who turned 75 on Nov. 30, suffered the stroke this week, publicist Paul Shefrin said Wednesday, declining to give any details. He would only say Clark had been hospitalized in the Los Angeles area. Clark said in a statement Wednesday that he's "hopeful" he'll be in Times Square later this month "to help lead the country in ringing in the new year once again." (AP)

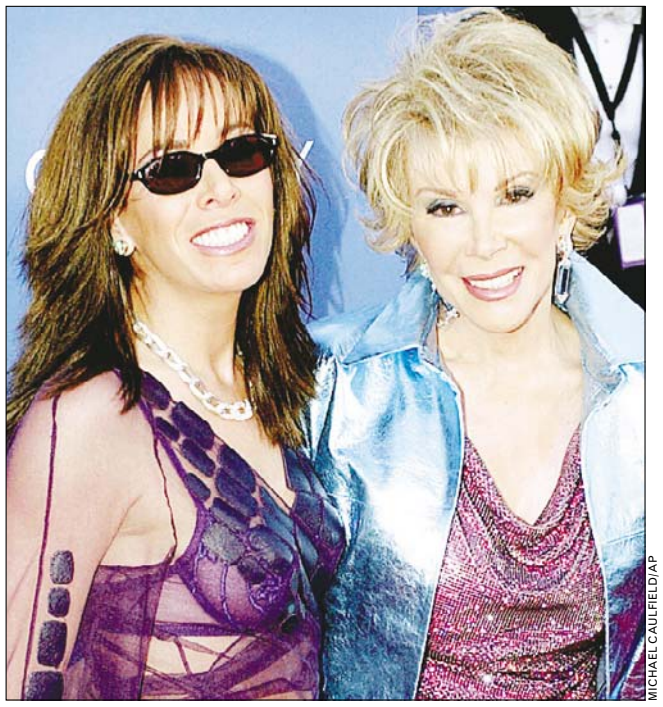


NAMING CONVENTIONS

### If He Just Went By 'Earl,' This Would Never Happen

Rapper **DMX** pleaded guilty Wednesday to driving under the influence of drugs when he plowed through the gates of New York's Kennedy Airport parking lot in June after claiming to be a federal agent. The 33-year-old rapper, whose real name is Earl Simmons, also pleaded guilty to reckless endangerment, prosecutors said. The DUI charge was for the rapper's admission that he was on Valium during the incident. He also was ordered to forfeit his 1998 Ford Expedition — which was equipped with a flashing light and siren. (AP)





MICHAEL CAULFIELD/AP

SUCCUBI

# Harpies Bizarre: Riverses Return

**MELISSA AND JOAN RIVERS** are returning to red carpet duty starting with next month's Golden Globes, a job they were shut out of during this year's Emmy Awards because of a contractual tangle after the tandem duo bolted E! for the TV Guide Channel last September. "I just want to do it," Joan Rivers said, "I have dresses being made, shoes. Let's go." (AP)

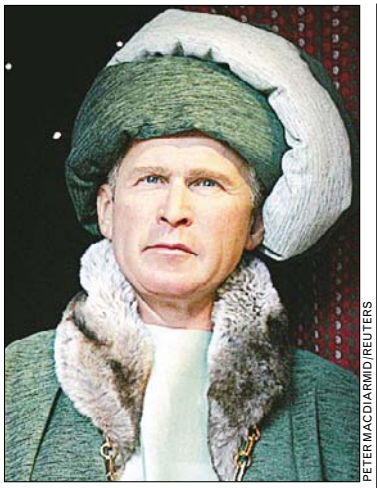
DANNY MOLOSHOK/AP

PREDICTABILITY

### Dodgeball Game Erupts at Party For 'Dodgeball' DVD

Celebrities dove, sacrificed and took one for the team Tuesday night during a dodgeball tournament to celebrate the release of the DVD of the movie "Dodgeball." Oddly, the film's stars either weren't present (Vince Vaughan) or didn't participate in the charity game (Ben Stiller). But folks like actress and model **BRANDE RODERICK** did. Whoever she is. (EXPRESS)

A devious dodgeball trick: Distract the other team with a grimacing hot blonde.



PETER MACDIARMID/REUTERS

The exhibit features President Bush as one of the Wise Men. Stop snickering.

HOLIDAY CHEER

### Church Leaders: No Room For Celebrities in Nativity

Christian leaders on Wednesday denounced a Nativity scene at a London wax museum featuring soccer star David Beckham and his wife Victoria, a former Spice Girl, as the parents of Jesus. The waxwork tableau at Madame Tussauds museum included **PRESIDENT BUSH** as one of the three Wise Men, actors Hugh Grant and Samuel L. Jackson as shepherds and Australian disco diva Kylie Minogue as an angel. "There is a well-understood tradition that each generation interprets and reinterprets the Nativity ... but, oh dear!" said the Rev. Jonathan Jenkins, spokesman for the archbishop of Canterbury, who leads the world's 77 million Anglicans. At the Vatican, a spokesman said it was unacceptable to have celebrities representing Jesus, Joseph or Mary. (AP)

COMEBACKS

### Martha Primps for Trip From The Big House to Your House

**MARTHA STEWART** will host an hour-long, daily syndicated show with a live audience when she gets out of prison, her multimedia and home fashions company said Wednesday. Audience members and special guests will "participate and interact with Martha" during the taping, and topics will include cooking, entertaining, decorating and home renovating, according to a statement released by Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. The show is to be launched in the fall of 2005. Stewart gets out of prison in March. (AP)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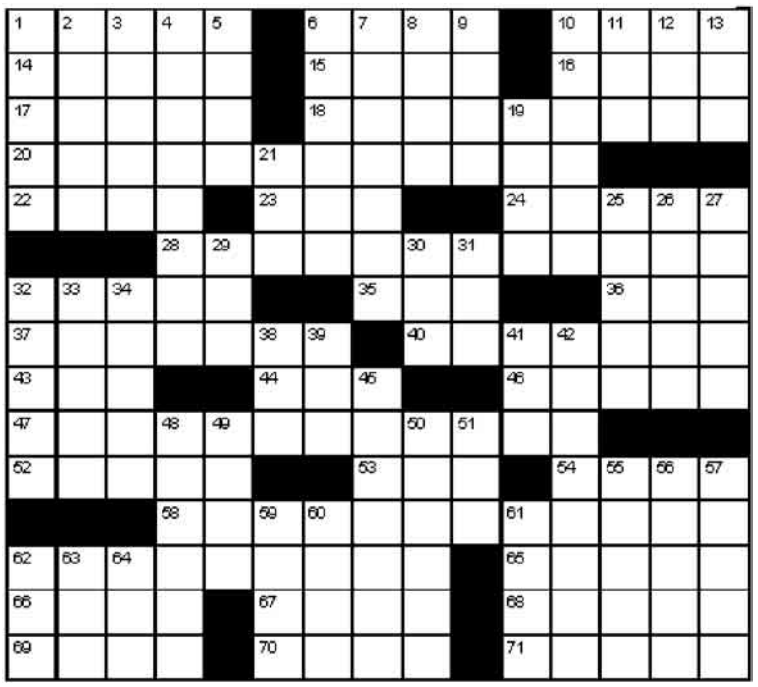
# 1854

**On Dec. 9,** Alfred, Lord Tennyson's famous poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," was published in England; also, in 1907, Christmas seals went on sale for the first time, with proceeds going to fight tuberculosis.

## End to End | *Edited by Timothy E. Parker*



**ACROSS**
1 43rd of 50
6 Head-shaker's sounds
10 They demand an expiation
14 Some parents
15 Nasty at the net
16 Start of many addresses
17 "___ we a pair?"
18 Thought transference
20 Women's bank employee?
22 Water whirl
23 Comic strip shriek
24 Arboreal marsupial
28 Employment agency for seamstresses?
32 What Fuzzy Wuzzy was
35 Its mouth is its biggest part
36 Prefix meaning "egg"
37 Insanity, especially in March
40 Smallest Great Lake
43 Music to a matador's ears
44 Ground layer
46 "___ my case!"
47 Pay in cash?
52 Ruhr Valley industrial city
53 Calendar abbr.
54 Srs. org.
58 Late braking result?
62 Surgical removals
65 Fine print type
66 Ceremonial act
67 Itch cause, perhaps
68 They're good for the long haul
69 Lemon zest source
70 French blessed women, for short
71 Much of Mississippi?

**DOWN**
1 It might be projected
2 Took the plunge
3 Change for the better
4 Jack-of-all-trades
5 Prefix meaning "bone"
6 Like books and motion pictures
7 More smooth and glossy
8 Pottery oven
9 Spring purchase
10 Likud party co-founder
11 Cousin in a weird family
12 Advanced degree in mathematics?
13 Cloak-and-dagger type
19 Shortened lap dog
21 Cable Chihuahua
25 Really fancy?
26 Wranglers alternative
27 "What ___!" ("How funny!")
29 "Prior to," poetically
30 Ipanema locale
31 Word with Clemente or Diego
32 Topic of a Dean Martin hit
33 Barn bundles
34 Perfect places
38 Ukraine, once (Abbr.)
39 Lush
41 Have no loose ends?
42 Sets up
45 Cooling off period
48 Openly resisted
49 Some chemical suffixes
50 Helps back to health
51 Society girl
55 Name of two presidents
56 Make a better bow
57 Fourth estate
59 Pen points
60 "I dare you!"
61 Lessen
62 Miscalculate
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64 UPS shipping unit

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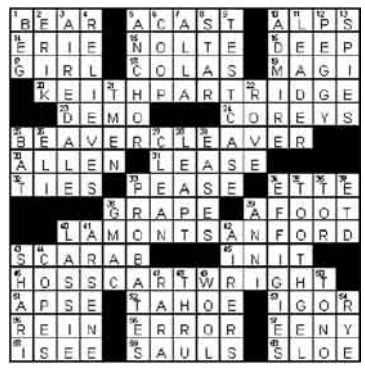

## Horoscope

*By Stella Wilder*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** An impromptu party or other social event can give you precisely what you need in the way of encouragement and inspiration.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Down with routine. Down with the status quo. This may well be your rallying cry as you search high and low for a new outlet.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Friends may be looking to you for the kind of guidance you yourself need. Perhaps that's the cue for some close cooperation.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Collaboration will be impossible if you are unwilling to let someone else take the reins for a while. Avoid being too dominant.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You can capitalize on an unexpected development, which others may consider unfortunate. You, however, can spot advantages anywhere.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You may not be in the mood to give during the first part of the day, but later a reversal will see you sharing more than expected.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Your interest in the unusual may keep you from enjoying the company of others for a time. Later, you'll make a sacrifice just to be sociable.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** What you most fear is not likely to be a serious issue once you confront it head-on. Now is the time to be brave; you'll laugh later.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your attempts to get in touch with someone far from home may be fruitless until you become more receptive to some unusual forms of messages.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** A misunderstanding must not be allowed to grow into a major conflict. If necessary, you may want to give in simply for harmony's sake.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** What appears as a lucky stroke for a rival or competitor may actually prove beneficial to you in the long run. Avoid hasty decisions.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** You may not be fully in touch with those forces that rule your own unconscious. Dig deep and try to uncover a hidden truth.

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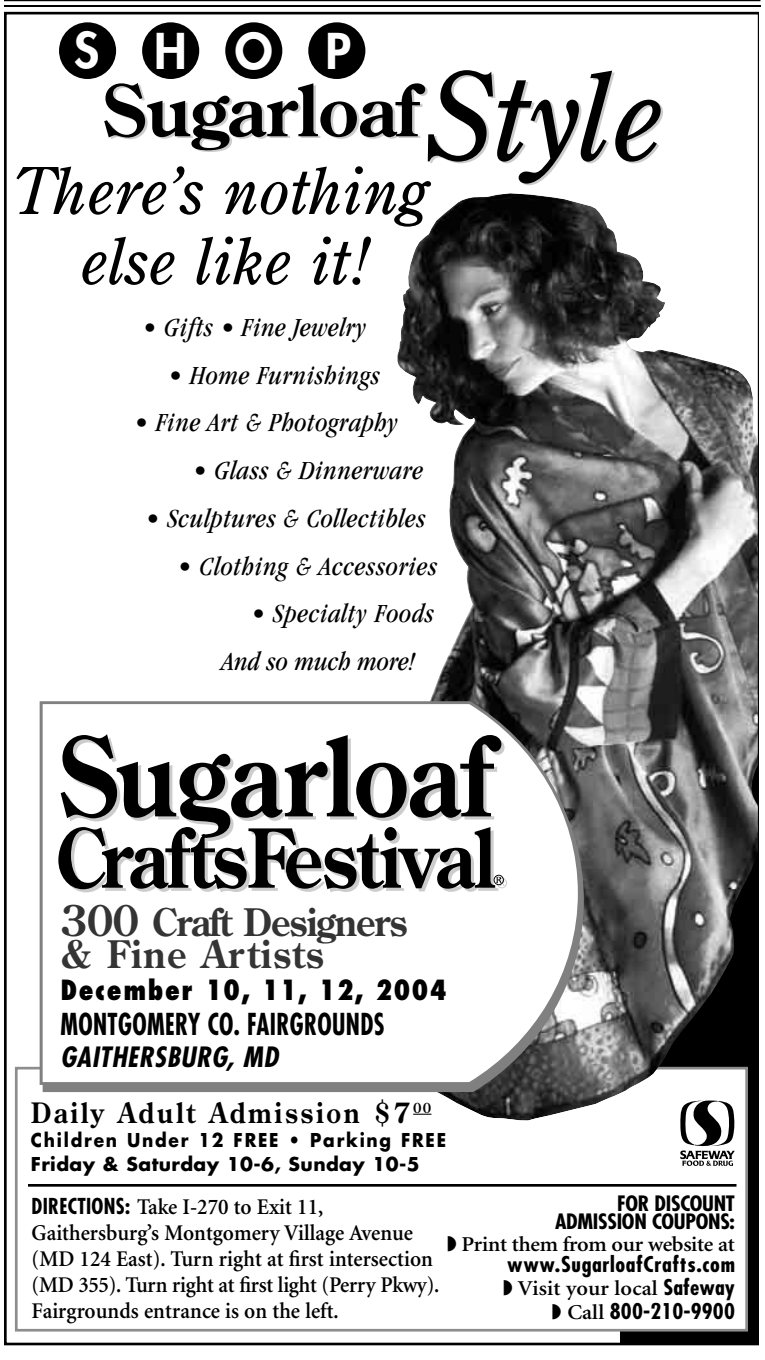

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